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## Police warn of increased thefts from vehicles

**CRIME** Halifax RCMP are reminding people to lock their vehicles at night.

There have been 28 reported thefts from vehicles in the Halifax RCMP jurisdiction since Oct. 18, with 21 coming in the Cole Harbour area, five in Eastern Passage and two in the Lake Echo region.

In all but of three of these thefts, police say the vehicles robbed were not locked.

Items taken in these thefts have included GPS machines, laptops, binoculars, cellphones, wallets, iPods and money.

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Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Garrett Clarke is checked into the boards by Montreal Juniors blueliner Vincent Scopelletti during the second period of Thursday night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. The Juniors defeated the Mooseheads 6-2, sending Halifax to its 10th-straight loss and a 1-16-1 record. **More coverage, page 22.**

Dave Carroll can't catch a break on airplanes

**LOST LUGGAGE** When he flies United Airlines, Dave Carroll can't catch a break.

The Halifax singer-songwriter became an Internet sensation for his music video "United Breaks Guitars," a folk ballad chronicling his yearlong battle for compensation after a United Airlines baggage handler broke his guitar.

The video nabbed nearly 6 million views on YouTube and prompted the airline to promise it would do better.

But when Carroll flew into Denver International Airport last Sunday, he learned United had lost his bag.

What's worse, Carroll was in Colorado to do a keynote speech for a group of hundreds of customer-service executives.

"The irony is palpable," Carroll said Thursday by phone.

At the airport, an employee told Carroll he had to stay by the conveyor belt because his bag was delayed, not lost. As he paced around the room, a federal customs officer told him he had to leave.

Finally, an airport employee confirmed his bag — filled with guitar cables, a tuner, some CDs and his shoes — was lost.

He was reunited with his luggage Wednesday morning, a day after his speech. Carroll doesn't intend to mention the gaffe in his third instalment of the "United Breaks Guitars" trilogy, which is expected to hit the Web before the end of the year.



## Cancelling elective health services

• The IWK Health Centre announced on Thursday night that effective Friday, they are cancelling various elective health services in response to H1N1. The impacted services

ously been to stay home if you get the flu, unless it became serious enough that you would normally go to the hospital.

But now health officials want people to be extra cautious. High-risk groups such as women in the second half of pregnancy, children under five and people with chronic illness are now urged to go to a doctor at the first sign of flu sickness.

Even otherwise healthy people are now being asked

to include elective children's and women's surgeries, as well as some ambulatory clinics. Emergency and urgent health services will continue to be provided.

to call 911 or go to the emergency room if they come down with severe flu symptoms.

Those include chest pains, dizziness, severe vomiting and high fever.

The health department is trying to streamline its systems to make room for increased traffic.

The province's chief medical officer Dr. Robert Strang revealed Thursday laboratories will no longer conduct H1N1 tests on people not in hospital.

Health officials also repeated their message Thursday that people who are not in a high-risk group should wait up to two weeks before getting vaccinated to avoid overcrowding at clinics.

Strang said District Health Authorities may give high-risk groups special treatment and move them to the front of clinic lines.

Four adults with H1N1 are currently in isolation at hospitals within the Capital District Health Authority, media spokesman John Gillis confirmed Thursday night.

It was also reported Thursday up to another six children are in hospital with H1N1 at the IWK Health Centre.

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Dave Carroll

# Stretched thin by H1N1

Officials plead for patience as swine flu crush continues

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**High-risk groups are now being asked to contact a doctor as soon as they become ill with flu-like symptoms.**

New recommendations by the province Thursday, which include asking seriously ill people to call 911 or go to a hospital emergency room, will put more pressure on a health-care system already stretched thin, health officials confirm.

"We are already stretched and this is certainly going to add extra pressures to the system. This is why we are asking people to be patient," said senior health advisor Ken Buchholz.

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ously been to stay home if you get the flu, unless it became serious enough that you would normally go to the hospital.

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Pregnant women drive vaccine clinic over capacity

## Flu Outbreak

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**IWK** The IWK Health Centre had to shut its doors to pregnant women hoping to get the H1N1 flu vaccine Thursday, as droves of mothers-to-be pushed the vaccine clinic over capacity on the first day it was offering the service.

A total of 238 women received the vaccine before capacity was reached around noontime, and health officials anticipate the clinic will continue to be busy when it re-opens Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Janet Morash, 34, was one of the pregnant women on hand to get the shot Thursday morning.

"I'm 37-and-a-half weeks, so it's only a couple more weeks to go," she said. "And with that, not knowing how much longer I would actually have to have the baby immunized, it's quite important to make sure it gets done now."

She waited over two hours for the vaccine, but said it "wasn't that bad."

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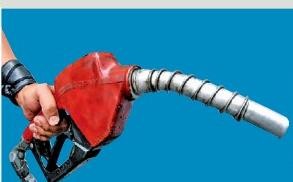
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## Gas price expected to keep climbing

The price of gas was expected to be on the rise again when the new regulated price was set Friday at 12:01 a.m. Reports indicated the price was to go up around three cents a litre, which would bring the cost to around \$1.08 per litre for regular self-service. Gas was selling around the Halifax region Thursday for just over \$1.05. Gas is about 10 cents higher per litre than at this time last year.

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## Doctors outraged by vaccine mixup

H1N1 shots for liquor commission arrive at practice before shots for patients, staff

### Flu Outbreak

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Several local doctors were fuming this week after H1N1 vaccine earmarked for Nova Scotia Liquor Store executives was delivered before shots for doctors and pregnant women.

Health officials say it was a misunderstanding that has been cleared up.

Front-line workers and high-risk groups such as pregnant women and small children are sup-

posed to be the first to receive the swine flu vaccine. Healthy Nova Scotians have been urged to wait two weeks.

As of Tuesday, the 18 family doctors at Family Practice Associates in Halifax had not received any vaccine for themselves or their 60,000 patients.

They finally received a shipment mid-afternoon that day, but it wasn't what they were expecting. Morris Trager, one of the doctors in the group, is the corporate doctor for the NSLC and he had put in an order for the liquor commission head office.

That order of about 80



Dr. Robert Strang

vaccines arrived instead — about 24 hours before the Family Practice Associate group received 1,400 vaccines for its patients.

"A number of people just went ballistic," said Dr. Andrew Humphrey, a doctor with FPA.

"The NSLC got their vaccine while we're here with people coughing and sneezing all around us."

The doctors ended up using some of the NSLC vac-

cine for themselves.

Provincial health department officials said Thursday there was no preferential treatment for liquor commission executives.

Chief medical officer Dr. Robert Strang said Capital Health employees would have been doing out the vaccines to doctors without knowing whom they were intended for.

Strang said he spoke with Trager late Thursday and clarified that Capital Health staff just send out the vaccine and it's up to doctors to filter it from there.

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald said the whole

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thing was an innocent mistake that has been cleared up.

Liquor commission heads will now have to wait like everyone else. A clinic for NSLC staff originally planned for next week has been bumped to late November.

## First flu-assessment centre kicks off to evaluate patients

### Flu Outbreak

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**DEBUT** The doors of Halifax Regional Municipality's first flu-assessment centre opened Thursday in an effort to reduce the number of people flocking to doctors' offices and emergency rooms with flu-like symptoms.

According to Dr. Rick Gibson of the Capital District Health Authority, family practitioners and hospitals have seen a marked increase in people suffering from the flu.

"(The centre) is basically intended to supplement the services available in the family doctor's offices and to offload emergency departments, which are seeing a rise in the number of people with flu-like illnesses," he explained.

Gibson attributed the in-



Dr. Rick Gibson of the Capital District Health Authority speaks to reporters at the first flu assessment clinic, which was opened Thursday in the Maritime Hall of the Halifax Forum. The clinic is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

crease partially to panic about the H1N1 pandemic.

"Anybody whose got any viral illness, given the uncertainty, is running off to

the doctor, running off to the emergency department, running off to wherever," he said. "For the moment, because of the de-

mand, (the centre) is open and we can keep it open as long as it's necessary."

The centre, located in the Maritime Hall at the

Halifax Forum, is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. People with flu-like symptoms can go to the centre to have their condition evaluated by a nurse and, if necessary, a doctor.

If their condition is not deemed to be serious, the nurse may simply advise the person to go home and rest. For more serious situations, the doctor is on hand to diagnose and prescribe, and, if necessary, send the person to the emergency room.

According to Gibson, another centre will be opening in Burnside soon, and more are possible should demand increase.

Gibson, however, stressed the assessment centre is not providing the H1N1 vaccination.

"We would like to emphasize right off the bat that this is where people come when they're sick," Gibson said. "There will be no vaccine here, this is not where people come to get flu shots."

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the assessment centre were sick. Another woman said she was there to "find out a little more detail, that's all."

"Actually, about the 17th of October, I had some kind of flu," she said. "It lasted, about three days — I felt kind of miserable ... I don't know if that was the nasty flu or some other flu."

## Opening day draws the sick and the curious to assessment centre

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**ILLNESS** The opening day of the flu-assessment centre at the Halifax Forum drew in people exhibiting various degrees of flu-like symptoms.

"Body aches, fever, throwing up. Feeling like I'm going to die, basically."

Marty Hurd said before making his way into the clinic. "It's probably the worst flu I've had in quite a while."

Hurd said he usually gets the flu once a year, but like many wants to make sure he isn't suffering from H1N1.

He was not pleased when informed the assessment centre is not telling

people whether they have swine flu.

"Is that right?," Hurd replied when told the news by reporters. "I didn't know that. I'm not sure what the point of it is, then. I guess I'll just go home; I'm not dying or nothing."

Another woman, who asked not to be identified, said she was told to go

home and rest.

"They asked me all my symptoms," she said. "(They told me) to go to bed, take Tylenol and keep warm."

The woman said through a protective mask her symptoms were similar to those common to swine flu, adding she was "very concerned."

But not all those visiting

# Coyote victim's final wish

Taylor Mitchell wouldn't have wanted animals killed: Mom

**The mother of Taylor Mitchell, a young folk-singer who was killed by coyotes in Nova Scotia, says her daughter was a passionate environmentalist who would have opposed the killing of the two animals responsible for the attack.**

Emily Mitchell of Toronto issued a statement Thursday on the shocking death of her 19-year-old daughter in the Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

"When the decision had been made to kill the pack of coyotes, I clearly heard Taylor's voice say, 'Please don't, this is their space,'" Mitchell said.

"She wouldn't have wanted their demise, especially as a result of her own."

Mitchell said media accounts of her daughter's death noted that the young woman was hiking alone in the remote park Tuesday afternoon when she was mauled.

She described her daugh-



A barrier and sign warn hikers to stay off the Skyline Trail in the Cape Breton Highlands National Park on Wednesday after a woman from Toronto was killed in a coyote attack Tuesday.

ter as "a seasoned naturalist" who was experienced at wilderness camping.

"She loved the woods and had a deep affinity for their beauty and serenity," Mitchell said. "Tragically, it was her time to be taken from us so soon."

Taylor Mitchell was on a tour of Atlantic Canada when she went for a hike

on the park's popular Skyline Trail.

Two nearby hikers and a Parks Canada worker called 911 as Mitchell was being mauled and an RCMP officer arrived to shoot one of the animals, apparently wounding it. Both managed to flee.

Mitchell was bleeding heavily from multiple bite

## Search

- Armed Parks Canada officers continued to search Thursday for the coyotes responsible for the attack, but an official said a widespread kill of animals wouldn't occur.



wounds when paramedics arrived. She died early the next day after being airlifted to hospital in Halifax.

Her mother expressed thanks for the outpouring of condolences from her daughter's friends and fans, and also thanked the hikers, police and doctors and nurses who tried to save her life.

She said details will be finalized in the coming days about a funeral service and concert in her daughter's memory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Fee hikes approved for Excel child-care program

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**COSTS** The cost of having your kids looked after before and after school will be going up in September.

The Halifax Regional School Board approved a fee increase for its Excel child-care program — offered to students in grades 1 to 6 — during its board meeting Wednesday night.

Fees for students attending the program full-time will go up by 7.5 per cent, while fees for part-time participation will go up by 15 per cent. The price of registering a student in the Excel program on parent-teacher days will go from \$5 to \$7.50.

"The reasoning behind it is really quite simple," said board chairman Irvine Carvery. "We haven't reviewed our costing for quite a number of years, and the cost of providing the service is getting pretty close to the revenue we're receiving."

Carvery said salaries are the biggest expense associated with the program, but that the board also provides food for snacks and other supplies for the students. Most of these expenses have increased substantially in the seven years since the board last reviewed the fee structure, he explained.

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Irvine Carvery, Halifax Regional School Board chairman

ated with the program, but that the board also provides food for snacks and other supplies for the students. Most of these expenses have increased substantially in the seven years since the board last reviewed the fee structure, he explained.

The board had looked into raising the full-time fees by up to 10 per cent, but Carvery said many felt that was too steep an increase.

"We're not looking to get the board rich over this," he said. "We're not anticipating another increase in the near future."

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# N.S. power takeover not likely: Estabrooks

Law stops outsider from owning more than 25%

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**The NDP government is anxious about Quebec Hydro taking over New Brunswick Power, but say laws prevent a similar takeover in Nova Scotia.**

According to the Globe and Mail, Quebec Hydro is not satisfied with the \$10-billion takeover and is eyeing Nova Scotia Power as well.

But Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks told reporters Thursday that likely can't happen because the 1992 Nova Scotia Power Privatization Act prevents a group outside of Nova Scotia from owning more than 25 per cent of the utility.

Estabrooks said the NDP would be wary of any takeover attempt.

"The concern comes back to the fact that as Nova Scotians ... we want to be in charge. We want to have as much input into our own utility here locally so that we make sure

they're putting the best interest of Nova Scotians at heart," Estabrooks told reporters following Thursday's cabinet meeting.

The law has never been legally tested and Estabrooks said the government is waiting to hear

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Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks

back from lawyers to see if a takeover could be possible.

He also said the NB Power sale will impact Nova Scotia but it wasn't yet clear how.

"Not having seen the details, the concern we've always had in Nova Scotia is a regional approach to this key issue of power rates and the best that we can offer to Nova Scotians," he said.

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Estabrooks

## Worst sap season in three decades

**POOR YIELDS** Maple producers are aiming to recover from one of the worst sap seasons in more than three decades.

Murray Johnston, president of the Maple Producers Association of Nova Scotia, said many producers experienced very disappointing yields but doesn't expect an exodus from the industry because of it.

The average yield per tap in 2009 was just over 0.26 litres, the poorest since 1987.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

## 4-year contract OK'd by outdoor workers

Outdoor workers in the Halifax Regional Municipality put their stamp of approval on a new four-year contract with HRM Thursday.

Members of CUPE Local 108 voted 94 per cent in favour of the deal, which will give the workers a three per cent wage increase retroactive to November 2008, and a two per cent increase for the next three years. They will also see their banked time off in lieu of overtime increase

from 40 to 80 hours.

"I have to say there was a high degree of professionalism on both sides of the table," said Local 108 president Dave Carr in a release.

"Obviously, judging by the vote, the members are very pleased."

CUPE Local 108 represents approximately 450 outdoor workers in HRM, including gardeners, traffic sign technicians and cemetery attendants.

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# Wait times improve

Though up over '08, N.S. numbers still among worst

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**Nova Scotians are still waiting an average of 23 weeks for surgery and other therapeutic treatments despite increased spending on health care, a new report says.**

According to the Fraser Institute's annual report on hospital wait times, the time it takes for patients to get from their family doc-

tor's office to the operating room has not changed substantially in the past decade.

"Throwing more money at a fundamentally broken system will not solve the wait time problem," Nadeem Esmail, Fraser Institute Director of Health System Performance Studies, said in a release.

While Nova Scotia's wait times are still some of the longest in the country, the figures have actually improved significantly since last year, when the median wait time was closer to 28 weeks.

Across Canada, total wait times averaged about 16.1 weeks. Newfoundland and Labrador recorded the longest waits with an average 27.3 weeks, and Ontario recorded the shortest at 12.5 weeks.

## Hear ye, hear ye, town crier dies

**FUNERAL** Residents of Nova Scotia and town criers across Canada were remembering Perry Wamback Thursday as the loudest man in the Maritime province.

The 65-year-old from Jordan Falls died this week.

An electrician by trade, Wamback won several competitions, including the North American championship and an international title.

He was appointed town crier of Shelburne in 1982, and was highly regarded for carrying on a tradition dating back to the 18th century.

Wamback is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter Pam and son Rob.

A memorial service will be held Friday at the Shelburne Community Centre.

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## Saint Mary's Pumpkin contest



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Two youths are facing charges following a bomb hoax at Inverness Academy on Tuesday morning. Cape Breton RCMP has arrested two 17-year-old males from the region after learning the identity of the caller. Both are charged with making threats and will appear in court next month. CAPE BRETON POST

## Insurance on way for rescue volunteers

**LIABILITY** Nova Scotia's volunteer search and rescue teams should soon all be fully insured against personal liability issues while hunting for lost persons.

"We're now working together, making sure that we have the best possible coverage for ground search and rescue (teams)," said Emergency Management Office minister Ramona Jennex, following a meeting held Wednesday with officials from Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue.

The meeting came about after Nova Scotia's 24 vol-

unteer search and rescue teams recently served notice of potentially pulling their services if the province did not offer to pay for liability insurance for their members.

The issue came to a head as the result of a case in British Columbia where a search and rescue team was sued after a woman died in a failed search. In Nova Scotia, some teams do fundraising to pay for their insurance, while some, such as the Colchester group, were not covered at all. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

## Locally based firms to merge

**MONEY** Halifax-based Seamarck Asset Management Ltd. and GrowthWorks Ltd. announced Thursday they will form a new national investment company with \$3 billion worth of client assets under management.

Representatives of both companies, including the chief executives of Seamarck and GrowthWorks, will have seats on a new

board of directors for the company, to be called Matrix Asset Management Inc. Assuming the proposed combination is approved at shareholders' meetings and meets other conditions, Seamarck and GrowthWorks will become subsidiaries of Matrix. Seamarck will continue to have its headquarters in Halifax. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Costume stores keep busy

Last-minute shoppers looking for that perfect Halloween outfit

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**The handful of party and costume stores in the Halifax Regional Municipality were bursting at the seams Thursday as last-minute shoppers tried to get their hands on everything from sparkly princess outfits to vials of fake blood.**

With Halloween falling on a Saturday this year, retailers are hoping for a big boost in adult costume sales.

Dave O'Connor, president of Glow Parties Costume Superstore in Halifax, said there have been some clear trends emerging over the past week.

"For the girls, fun and flirty is as strong as ever," he said, glancing over at a group of teenagers browsing through an aisle filled with sexy police, nurse and sailor outfits. "That's what the girls want."

Vampire teeth are also big sellers in 2009, O'Connor confirmed, likely due



Glen Downs tries on his king crab costume at Glow Parties on Thursday. People across HRM are getting their costumes ready for Halloween, which is Saturday.

to the massive popularity of the Twilight series and HBO's hit series True Blood. The recent Star Trek movie has also prompted a flood of requests for pointed Vulcan ears.

Tanya Boudreau, co-owner of Ripsters Halloween

### Couples

- For couples co-ordinating their Halloween costumes, TLC's Jon and Kate have been a popular choice — but those who don't want to channel TV's most embattled couple can always rescue thirsty partygoers as Beer Man and Beer Girl for the night.

Shop in Upper Tantallon, said the men showing up at her store have been flocking to the gag costumes. Whether it's a circus clown or a busty (female) lifeguard, the guys seem to out to score big laughs at weekend parties.

There's one getup, though, that has out-sold almost every other.

"Definitely Michael Jackson," Boudreau said. "We couldn't even keep it on the shelves this year."

One of the more bizarre requests?

"Amy Winehouse," Boudreau laughed. "That was a weird one."

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**Treat kids at home, say docs**

Doctors at Montreal's children's hospitals are urging parents of children with mild flu symptoms to treat them at home, CBC News Online reports. Doctors at the Ste. Justine and Children's hospitals say their emergency rooms have been operating at 180 per cent capacity. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Canada

**News in brief**

**POLITICS** A new poll suggests the Harper government's multi-billion-dollar, taxpayer-funded ad blitz to promote its stimulus plan doesn't seem to be having the desired effect. Less than a third said they were aware of any stimulus projects underway in their areas. A majority said they believed there's favouritism in the handing out of cash, but they didn't seem to be too concerned about it.

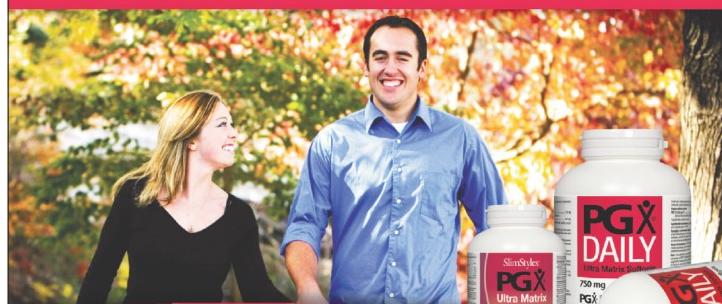
**FUNDRAISER** Child Find Ontario says money raised in memory of Victoria Stafford, including from her father Rodney Stafford's bike ride, reached more than \$40,000.

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**Sask. MLA stabbed by car thief**

A Saskatchewan Party MLA was stabbed as many as seven times with a pen as he fended off someone trying to steal his car on Thursday, CBC News Online reports. Lyle Stewart, 58, was on his way to work at the legislature in Regina when the attack occurred around 8:30 a.m. The former cabinet minister, who represents the riding of Thunder Creek, was not seriously hurt. He was at the legislature later in the morning, sharing his story with reporters.

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This photo of a sketch by courtroom artist Mike McLaughlin shows Desire Munyaneza as he stands to hear the Quebec court sentence of life imprisonment with no parole for 25 years for seven charges against him in Montreal on Thursday.

ticipating in the slaughter of hundreds inside a church, and using sticks to beat children tied in sacks.

"The accused, an educated man from a privileged

**Deadly delays?****Grits turn up heat on Tories****Delays have cost lives.**

That's the Liberals' message as they take the Harper government to task over its handling of the vaccine to fight the H1N1 influenza virus (also known as swine flu).

Liberal MP Bob Rae asked Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq if she realized people have died — and will die — because of delays in ordering and rolling out the vaccine.

"Does she not understand that these delays have cost, and will cost, lives?" Rae said Thursday.

Industry Minister Tony Clement answered the first two questions for Aglukkaq, telling the House of Commons that six million doses of vaccine were to be delivered by Friday.

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"By the end of next week, there will be an additional three million doses for a total of nine million doses for Canadians," Clement said.

But later, Rae again accused the Tories of foot-dragging on the vaccine.

"There are people who, unfortunately, have succumbed to the disease," he said.

"I think it's a reasonable thing to say that if they'd had the vaccine, it's quite possible their lives could have been saved."

Thousands of Canadians have been vaccinated since Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq approved a new H1N1 vaccine late last week — after other countries had begun vaccinations.

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A cellphone was instrumental in helping searchers find a hunter who went missing in the woods in central Newfoundland Wednesday evening. The RCMP said they received a call from a man who was lost in the woods near Bishop's Falls and they triangulated his location by his cellphone. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Premiers warn of monopoly

Hydro-Quebec signs \$5B agreement to purchase NB Power

**Hydro-Quebec would get the majority of NB Power's assets under a proposed agreement worth nearly \$5 billion signed Thursday by New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham and Quebec Premier Jean Charest.**

The premiers of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador have warned that the deal would give Hydro-Quebec a monopoly that could hinder other power development in the region.

But Graham says there will be opportunity for public debate before the closing date of the deal at the end of March 2010.

According to the memorandum of understanding, Hydro-Quebec would buy the assets for \$4.75 billion — an amount equivalent to NB Power's debt — giving Quebec greater capacity to export power to the United States.

Those assets include transmission lines, offices and most generation facilities including the Point Lepreau nuclear power plant.



Quebec Premier Jean Charest, left, and New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham sign a memo of understanding regarding the takeover of NB Power by Hydro-Quebec in Fredericton Thursday.

"This agreement ... will also provide Quebec with a strategic geographic position with regards to the markets of Atlantic Canada and New England," Charest said.

Graham lauded the benefits it would bring to his province. "The elimination of NB Power's massive debt will help us attain self-sufficiency and relieve our children and grandchil-

dren of this burden," he said. "Homeowners will see rates much lower than under the status quo, and we will now share Quebec's competitive industrial rates." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# CSIS boss admonishes romanticizing terrorists

## CRIME

The head of Canada's spy agency says people accused of terrorism are too often portrayed as romantic revolutionaries.

Richard Fadden called today for a more nuanced debate, saying Canada is not immune from extremism.

He said Canada has a serious blind spot when it comes to genuine discussion of the terrorist threat.

As a result, the public often sees young people charged with plotting violence as too naive to carry out such deadly acts.

Fadden was addressing a conference of academics

and security officials.

A longtime bureaucrat, Fadden took over as CSIS director in late June.

In July, the CSIS watchdog said CSIS

may need major changes after finding it ignored concerns about human rights and Omar Khadr's young age in deciding to interview the Toronto-born teen at a U.S. military prison.

The Security Intelligence Review Committee called for "guidance and advice" from Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan to help the spy service meet legal and public demands in the post-9-11 world.

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## News in brief

### BORDER TERRORISM

The new U.S. ambassador to Canada, David Jacobson, says he's confident the two countries can find a way to protect their borders against foreign terrorist threats without hampering free trade.

**EXTRADITION** The Supreme Court of Canada won't hear another appeal from a fugitive banker, Rakesh Saxena, who has been fighting extradition to Thailand since 1996 — one of the longest in Canadian history.

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# A boost for First Nations

**ABORIGINALS** The federal, provincial and territorial governments have agreed to work closely with several aboriginal organizations to help improve the health and education of Canada's First Nations.

It was the first such meeting between Canada's various governments and the Assembly of First Nations, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples and the Metis National Council in five years.

Ontario Aboriginal Affairs Minister Brad Duguid says he was inspired by the level of cooperation at the Toronto talks and the determination to work closely to improve the quality of life for First Nations people.

The ministers and First Nations leaders looked for ways to eliminate gaps with non-aboriginals in health care, education and economic development.

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# Six men, 44 murder convictions

Jury hands out guilty verdicts in biker gang massacre that stunned Canada

**Forty-four first-degree murder convictions were returned against six men Thursday over the bloody internal cleansing of a Canadian Bandidos chapter.**

Among the men was the outlaw biker who, the jury heard, masterminded the massacre — Wayne Kellestine.

Kellestine was found guilty of eight counts of first-degree murder after less than two days of jury deliberations in London, Ont.

After all eight counts were read, Kellestine looked at lawyer Clay Powell and raised his eyebrows.

Was Kellestine expecting the guilty verdicts?

"I think he was," Powell said outside the court.

Eight men were shot dead and stuffed into four vehicles in southwestern Ontario in April, 2006.

The bodies were found just kilometres away from Kellestine's farmhouse.

During a six-month trial that heard from more than 70 witnesses, prose-

## The victims

- Killed that fatal night in 2006 were: George Jessome, 52, George Kriarakis, 28, John Muscedere, 48, Luis Raposo, 41, Frank Salerno, 43, Paul Sinopoli, 30, Jamie Flanz, 37, and Michael Trotta, 31.

cutors argued that seven of the eight men were led out of Kellestine's barn and murdered, one by one.

The jury, however, didn't put all the blame on Kellestine.

They found Dwight Mushey and ex-police officer Michael Sandham guilty of eight counts of first-degree murder.

Marcelo Aravena and Frank Mather were each found guilty of one count of manslaughter and seven counts of first-degree murder.

Brett Gardiner was found guilty of two counts of manslaughter and six of first-degree murder.

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He masterminded the massacre, the jury heard: Wayne Kellestine pictured in 2005.

## B.C.'s bad weather bill blows in

**HOMELESS** The B.C. government introduced a controversial bill Thursday that will allow police to take homeless people to shelters in extreme weather.

But the proposed legislation won't give officers the power to force them to stay.

Critics blasted the Assistance to Shelter Act when it was first proposed.

But Housing and Social Development Minister Rich Coleman said the bill has nothing to do with sweeping Vancouver's homeless off the streets during the Winter Olympics.

He said the bill was prompted by the death of a Vancouver woman last winter who refused to be taken to a shelter.

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## News in brief

**ROYALTY** A Canadian poll leaked this week in London suggests public indifference to Prince Charles' visit. "The monarchy in Canada faces the threat of an ebbing tide," say pollsters.

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## Slippery slope of the law

**UrbanCompass****Stephen Kimber**

ast week, David Scott Hammond and James Cory Hammond, 20-year-old twin brothers from New Glasgow — who were described in court as "fairly introverted" and "most un-streetwise" — were each sentenced to three months in jail for possessing child pornography.

What makes their case interesting — and troubling — is that the images the young men were accused of downloading onto their home computers were not photographs but drawings.

You can argue that someone who downloads photographic images of children in sexual poses is guilty of possessing child pornography even if that person didn't actually take the photographs. That's because it's clear someone had to have exploited those children in order to produce the photos, and the person possessing the images indirectly contributes to their exploitation simply by creating a market for those peddling them.

But drawings don't involve real children. They are works of imagination.

According to news reports from the trial, the seized images were "drawn in the Japanese style known as anime or manga." While there are many variants of the style, the most popular highlight "exaggerated physical features such as large eyes,

big hair and elongated limbs..."

Such images are not — and are not intended to be — realistic depictions of the human form.

We might not like what is going on in the heads of those who create — or view — such images, but is there any evidence any real children were exploited in their production? Or will be as a result of viewing them?

Crown attorney Craig Botterill claimed as much. "Every one of these images involves the victimization of children ... The victimization wouldn't happen in the first place if there weren't people there to look at this material."

Plenty of researchers would beg to differ. Dr. Michael C. Seto, for example, a Canadian psychologist who teaches psychiatry at the Centre of Criminology at the University of

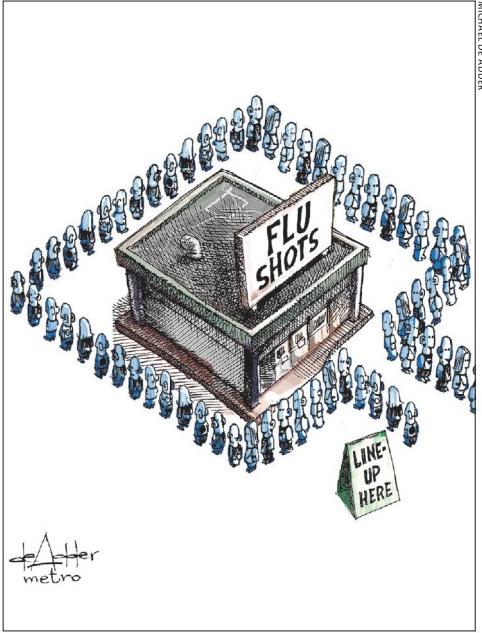
Toronto, argues convincingly in a 2007 book on the subject that "not all sex offenders who target children are pedophiles, and not all pedophiles commit sexual offences."

Swiss researchers, who studied the criminal records of men charged with viewing child pornography on a U.S. website, recently concluded that "the motivation for consuming child pornography (probably) differs from the motivation to physically assault minors."

Which means we prosecuted these young New Glasgow men not necessarily for what they actually did — even indirectly — but for what they might have been thinking.

And that is a slippery civil liberties slope.

Stephen Kimber, Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.

**Worth mentioning**

## Needles give some people high anxiety

**Flu Outbreak**

As Canadians roll up their sleeves for the H1N1 vaccination, there will likely be a few faces in the long lineups cringing at the thought of what's to come — perhaps not the vaccine itself, but the delivery method.

Needles have been known to elicit tears and even fainting episodes among those queasy, anxious or fearful about being pricked. And experts say festering thoughts of potential imminent pain from a shot could weigh on some people's decisions about whether to get vaccinated in the first place.

"I think people may have concerns about vaccines for a variety of reasons, but pain and the actual fear of getting the injection is often the barrier that prevents people from getting



Evan Moore, 5, covers his mouth to avoid crying while getting a flu shot this week in Belleville, Ont.

the vaccine," said pediatric psychologist Christine Chambers, a Canada Research Chair in pain and child health, based at Dalhousie University and the IWK Health Centre.

"Certainly people who are anxious in general are more likely to be fearful about other consequences

and other side-effects that they see might be associated with the vaccine."

Five to 10 per cent of people will admit to not getting vaccinated because of pain, said Anna Taddio, an adjunct scientist and pharmacist at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children. Chambers and Taddio

say there are strategies that can help effectively reduce pain as well as anxiety, particularly among young people.

Chambers recommends parents purchase a topical anesthetic cream that can significantly reduce pain. Taddio suggests applying a numbing cream 30 minutes beforehand — a cream that uses the same chemicals dentists use in patients' mouths.

For infants, breastfeeding during injections can help reduce pain. Distracting a child's attention away from pain could include talking to or giving small toys to babies and young kids, or bringing a small DVD player or iPod along.

Taddio said it's beneficial for children four and up to know about the needle beforehand because explaining what's going to happen will help to prepare them.

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**Noteworthy**

## Polar bears won't scare away these trick-or-treaters

Most trick-or-treaters are well-versed in Halloween safety: Travel in groups, wear colourful clothing and only stop at brightly lit homes.

The drill is slightly different, however, for kids in a remote Manitoba town on Hudson Bay.

Youngsters in Churchill are warned not to dress in furry white costumes, to steer clear of baited traps stuffed with seal meat and to listen for the tell-tale sound of fireworks.

That's because these candy-seekers have more to worry about than ghosts and goblins. They need to avoid a different kind of

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# 32%

The number of Canadian adults who would rather stay home on Halloween and give out candy than go out trick-or-treating with the kids.



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**Legislators sign on in support of extraditing Polanski**Fifteen California state legislators have signed a letter supporting the extradition of Roman Polanski to Los Angeles to face his decades-old child-sex conviction. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# World

## Clinton talks tough to Pakistan

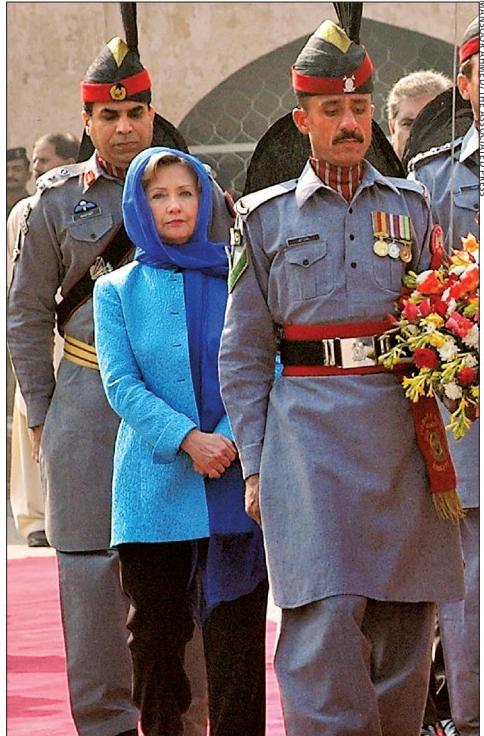
**U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Thursday that Pakistan squandered opportunities over the years to kill or capture leaders of the al-Qaida terrorist network responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.**

While U.S. officials have said they believe Osama bin Laden and senior lieutenants have been hiding in the rugged terrain along the border with Afghanistan, Clinton's unusually blunt comments went further as she suggested that Pakistan's government has done too little to act against al-Qaida's top echelon.

"I find it hard to believe that nobody in your government knows where they are and couldn't get them if they really wanted to," Clinton told Pakistani journalists in Lahore. "Maybe that's the case. Maybe they're not gettable. I don't know."

With the country reeling from Wednesday's devastating bombing that killed at least 105 people in Peshawar, Clinton also engaged in an intense give-and-take with students at the Government College of Lahore. She insisted that inaction by the government would have ceded ground to terrorists.

"If you want to see your territory shrink, that's your choice," she said, adding that she believed it would be a bad choice.



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, middle, is escorted by Pakistani Rangers at the Iqbal Memorial in Lahore, Pakistan, Thursday.

On Clinton's flight to Islamabad, U.S. Ambassador Anne Patterson said Clinton's remarks to the Pakistani journalists approximate what the Obama administration has told Pakistani officials in private settings.

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### News in brief

**SOMALIA** A British man kidnapped by Somalian pirates while vacationing on a yacht with his wife said in an interview Thursday that the bandits had crept aboard while he was asleep and demanded money. Paul Chandler told Britain's ITV News by phone that he and his wife were being held aboard a container ship off the Somalian coast.

**LOS ANGELES** A gunman shot and wounded two men outside a Hollywood synagogue Thursday. There was no immediate word on motive, but investigators were trying to determine whether the shootings were a hate crime. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Cash for kids in Argentina

**POVERTY** Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez decreed Thursday that Argentina will provide direct cash subsidies of about \$50 a month per child to families whose parents are unemployed or work informally.

She said her antipoverty program will cost the social security system nearly 10 billion pesos — about \$3 billion a year — money that will come from the public pension system that was nationalized last year.

According to the Argentine government, poverty fell to 13.9 per cent this year, compared to 17.8 per cent in mid-2008.

This conflicts with data gathered by the Catholic University of Argentina, which found that 44 per cent of households don't have enough income to pay for food, health care, clothing, taxes and services.

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**16 world**

Americans are using less water per person now than they have since the mid-1950s, thanks to water-saving technologies and a push to safeguard dwindling supplies. A report by the U.S. Geological Survey also shows that the general population are sucking up less water overall than in 1980, when the nation's thirst for water peaked. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Washington **Hammering away**

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**U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. John Dingell hold the gavel used by Dingell as speaker pro tempore when Medicare passed in 1965, during the announcement of a retooled U.S. health care overhaul bill Thursday.**

**Argentina begins debate**

**BUENOS AIRES** Is Argentina ready to become Latin America's first nation to legalize gay marriage?

Gay and lesbian activists think so — and they have a growing number of supporters in Congress, which opened debate Thursday on whether to change dozens of laws that define marriage.

It remains to be seen whether they have enough



votes to overcome opposition from religious groups.

Canada is the only nation in the Americas where gay marriage is fully legal; in the Spanish-speaking world, only Spain has taken this step.

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**Passports possibly linked to 9-11 found**

Pakistani forces push into remote militant haven

**Pakistani soldiers battling their way into a Taliban stronghold along the Afghan border have seized passports that may be linked to 9-11 suspects, as they confront an enemy skilled in operating in a mountainous terrain with endless ways to wage a guerrilla war.**

The military on Thursday took journalists for a first look inside the largely lawless territory since it launched a ground offensive here in mid-October.

The U.S.-backed operation is focused on a section of the tribal region where the Pakistani Taliban are based and are believed to shelter al-Qaida.

Soldiers displayed passports seized in the operation, among them a German document belonging to a man named Said Bahaji. That matches the name of a man thought to have



A seized Moroccan document of Spanish citizen Raquel Burgos Garcia recovered during military operations against Taliban militants is displayed Thursday.

been a member of the Hamburg cell that conceived the 9-11 attacks. Bahaji is believed to have fled Germany shortly before the attacks in New York and Washington.

The passport included a tourist visa for Pakistan and

a stamp indicating he'd arrived in the southern city of Karachi on Sept. 4, 2001.

Another passport, from Spain, bears the name of Raquel Burgos Garcia. Spanish media have reported that a woman with the same name is married to Amer Azizi, an alleged Al-Qaida member from Morocco suspected in both the 9/11 attacks and the Madrid train bombings in 2004.

Her family in Madrid has had no news of her since 2001, according to Spanish media. Her passport included visas to India and Iran, and the army displayed a Moroccan document with Burgos Garcia's photo and other information.

It was impossible to determine whether the passports are genuine, and German and Spanish officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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**News in brief**

**CALIFORNIA** A Sacramento County jury has awarded \$16.5 million US to the family of a 28-year-old woman who died after participating in a radio station's water-drinking contest. Jennifer Strange, a mother of three, died of acute water intoxication in January 2007 after the challenge to see which contestant could drink the most water without going to the bathroom. On Thursday, jurors found Philadelphia-based Entercom Communications Corp. and its Sacramento subsidiary liable for the actions of its employees at Sacramento radio station KNDL-FM. The station fired 10 employees after the death. During the trial, Entercom argued that Strange should have known the contest could be dangerous.

**NUCLEAR** Iran's president pledged Thursday to work with the West to resolve a standoff over its nuclear program even as his country reportedly balked at a U.S.-backed deal to limit its uranium enrichment and curb its ability to make a nuclear warhead. The disconnect between the words of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Tehran's decision reflected the difficulties facing international negotiators. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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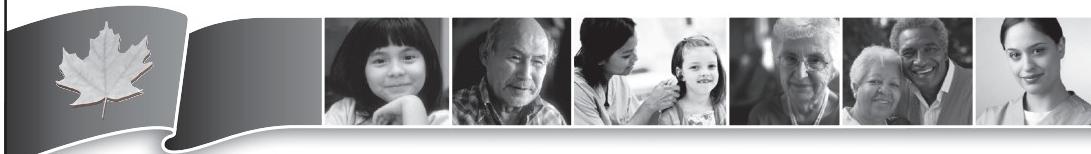
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This vaccine will be available for every Canadian. To find out where you can receive it, please check with your provincial and territorial public health authority.

For more information on the H1N1 flu and the vaccine, go to [www.fightflu.ca](http://www.fightflu.ca) or call 1 800 O-Canada.



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**Manatee mission accomplished**

A wayward manatee, dubbed Ilya, has arrived at his new home in Florida after being pulled from a murky creek near a New Jersey oil refinery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## When love goes wrong, a man takes flight ... or not

German living in Brazil airport after being dumped

**A German man reportedly dumped by a Brazilian woman he met on the Internet has been living in an airport for 13 days and isn't saying when he will leave.**

The man, identified by authorities as Heinz Muller, is out of money, according to airport workers, some of whom bring him meals from the food court.

The 46-year-old former pilot passes the time wandering the airport in Campinas, an industrial city about an hour's drive from Sao Paulo, or using his laptop perched on a luggage cart. Occasionally he speaks to workers and passengers in basic Portuguese mixed with some Spanish.

**Grounded**

The case of Heinz Muller recalls that of Hiroshi Nohara, a Japanese man who spent three months living in the Mexico City airport before leaving last December.

Muller arrived in Rio de Janeiro on Oct. 2 and can stay as long as he breaks no laws, said a spokesman for Brazil's civil aviation authority.

Most European tourists are allowed to stay three months in Brazil, presumably giving Muller until early January before he would face deportation.

The spokesman also confirmed reports that Muller

said he ended up at the airport after being dumped by a woman living nearby. He visited after meeting her on the Internet.

Muller washes himself in the airport bathrooms and sleeps on chairs in the airport's only terminal.

In a brief interview in English, he said that airport workers "are treating me OK" and that he wants to move permanently to Latin America's largest country.

"I want to be living in Brazil in somewhere pretty," he said, declining to elaborate after an Associated Press reporter would not buy him the computer cable he demanded in return for answering questions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Teens can't beat rap after rhyming McDonald's order

**NOT LOVIN' IT** Four teens were cited for disorderly conduct after placing a McDonald's drive-through order in the form of a rap.

The teens say they were imitating a popular YouTube video when they quickly rapped their order, which begins, "I need a double cheeseburger and hold the lettuce ..." before repeating it more slowly.

Spencer Dauwalder says employees at the restaurant in American Fork, Utah, told him and his friends they were holding up the line. Dauwalder says nobody was in line. They left without buying anything, and were later cited by police who tracked them to a high school volleyball match.

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## Obama weighed making Clinton VP, book reveals

**POLITICS** Barack Obama seriously considered Hillary Rodham Clinton for the vice-presidency, even though his top aides were not enthusiastic about it, his presidential campaign manager says in a new memoir.

"Neither Axelrod nor I were fans of the Hillary option," David Plouffe, who ran Obama's 2008 presidential campaign, said in his memoir, portions of which were published by Time magazine Thursday.

"What surprised me was that Obama was clearly thinking more seriously about picking Hillary Clinton than Ax and I had realized," Plouffe wrote, as he described a meeting the

**Short list**

Obama's final short list for running mates included

- Sen. Joe Biden (who became vice-president)
- Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana
- Gov. Tim Kaine of Virginia

three men had in early 2008, when it became clear Obama would become the Democratic Party's standard-bearer in the election.

Plouffe also wrote that "we had initially received a lot of advice from many of (Clinton's) supporters to pick her, though this 'advice' was perhaps more accurately described as subtle pressure."

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Imperial Oil Ltd. is tight-lipped on whether it plans to increase its ownership stake in the Syncrude Canada Ltd. partnership, the world's largest oilands development. Company spokesman Pius Rolheiser says the company won't discuss its business strategy for competitive reasons. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Business

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## Recession's ease not helping job market

**Canada's slow climb out of a recession appears to be doing little to foster growth in the domestic job market so far.**

Statistics Canada says the number of non-farm jobs in the country fell by 0.8 per cent in August from July, when it registered an increase. The results were pulled down by

a drop in educational services jobs, though a lower number of hirings has been seen in many different sectors.

The agency reported that more than 70 per cent of industries surveyed posted losses, the largest number since last January. Other recent economic reports also question whether

Canada's economy is poised for recovery this quarter.

A study by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives says the economy is actually still in a recession, and any expectations of a quick rebound in the private sector are unfounded.

On the upside, a survey from the Ontario Trucking

Association shows 71 per cent of Ontario trucking companies who responded believe Canada's economy has hit bottom.

South of the border, the American economy delivered its best growth in two years during the third quarter, climbing 3.5 per cent, but the momentum was drawn primarily from

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government subsidies. Consumers spent money

on cars and homes with the help of an \$8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers, and a rebate of up to \$4,500 to buy new cars.

Rising unemployment numbers and the tough loan market for both consumers and businesses is adding extra pessimism to the pace of the recovery.

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### Jobless benefits claims drop in U.S.

**LABOUR** The U.S. says the number of people claiming jobless benefits for the first time dropped slightly last week.

The Labour Department said Thursday its tally of newly laid-off workers seeking unemployment insurance fell by 1,000 to a seasonally adjusted 530,000 last week. Analysts expected a steeper drop to 521,000.

Still, the four-week average, which smooths out volatility, fell for the eighth straight week to 526,250, its lowest level since early January.

Claims are slowly declining as companies lay off fewer workers.

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### China A toast to trade



U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, left, and China's Vice-Premier Wang Qishan make a toast during the signing ceremony of the 20th China and U.S. Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade Thursday in Hangzhou, China.

## Globalive's Canadian bid shut down by CRTC

**COMMUNICATIONS** The CRTC has decided that Toronto-based Globalive isn't Canadian enough to compete as a new national cellphone company.

The broadcast regulator says Globalive doesn't meet the Canadian ownership and control requirements to operate as a telecommunications carrier. Globalive wants to be Canada's fourth major wireless carrier and compete with Rogers Communications, Bell and Telus.

Egyptian telecom company Orascom owns 65 per

### Competitors

- Rogers, Bell and Telus say that Globalive is breaking the Telecom Act because technically it's under foreign control.

cent of Globalive, a structure accepted by Industry Canada when its licence was granted last March.

However the CRTC says Orascom has the ongoing ability to determine Globalive's strategic decision-making activities.

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## Canwest says it must shift National Post or kill it off

**MEDIA** Restructuring media giant Canwest Global Communications says it will shut down the unprofitable National Post if the paper's operations aren't shifted into a company that holds its other newspapers by Friday.

The company said in court documents that its creditors refuse to keep funding the Post, which continues to suffer significant operating losses. A hearing on the matter is scheduled for Friday in Toronto.

A number of Canwest divisions, including the Post, are operating under creditor protection.

The company said without court approval to move the Post under the umbrel-

**\$62M** Over the past four years, the Post has racked up \$62 million in losses, and also owes \$139.1 million to Canwest Media.

la of the Canwest Limited Partnership it would be forced to shut down the paper and lay off its 277 employees immediately.

Chief financial officer John Maguire said in a statement the Post has racked up about \$62 million in losses over the past four years before factoring in interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. The Post also owes \$139.1 million to Canwest Media, its holding company.

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### Business in brief

**INDEX** The Industrial Product Price Index dropped 0.5 per cent in September, while the Raw Materials Price Index fell 1.1, mainly due to declining petroleum prices. Statistics Cana-

da reports the industrial index's drop followed a 0.5 per cent advance in August, while September's drop in the raw materials index follows a 3.8 per cent rise. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Drilling company cites slow economy as cause for lower earnings**

Cabo Drilling Corp. blamed the economic slowdown Monday for a sharp reversal in fourth-quarter revenue and earnings. The specialty drilling services company said yesterday it suffered a loss for the quarter ended June 30. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Exxon: Oil production on the rise

**The world's largest publicly traded oil company said yesterday that oil production is bouncing back with crude prices.**

A worldwide glut in petroleum supplies may yet cool the latest surge in oil, squeezing refiners and keeping profits in oil patch well below their peak last year or even the past sever-

al years.

Exxon Mobil Corp. reported that profits from July to September dropped 68 per cent to \$4.73 billion US, or 98 cents per share. The results were the best of the year so far, but they're less than a third of what Exxon earned in the same period of 2008, when crude prices spiked above

\$147 US a barrel.

Excluding the previous quarters this year, Exxon has not reported quarterly profits this low in at least the past four years.

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**Business in brief**

**BOTTOMS UP** The world's third-largest soft drink producer Cott Corp. reported a net profit for its third quarter yesterday, reversing a year-earlier loss through stringent cost control, optimized capital expenditures, and improved customer relations.

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**Some call it the Al Gore effect, others say it just makes good business sense.**

Concern about climate change, popularized by the former U.S. vice-president, has helped to accelerate interest in green and socially responsible investing, say industry experts.

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Customers enter a Sprint store in Saugus, Mass. On Thursday, Sprint Nextel Corp. reported a wider third-quarter loss as subscribers continued to leave for other carriers.

## Airline companies remain grounded

**DEMAND** The world's airlines continued to struggle last month as passenger traffic was unchanged from the weak levels of last year, the International Air Transportation Association said Thursday. Overall passenger demand increased 0.3 per cent, while cargo demand decreased 5.4 per cent. But IATA said the apparent increase was misleading since it was measured against a very weak period in 2008 when passenger traffic declined by 2.9 per cent and cargo was off 7.7 per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Business in brief

**RESULTS** The Procter & Gamble Co. reported better-than-expected first-quarter results Thursday and forecast a better outlook after a year of house-holds cutting spending. The maker of Tide detergent and Pampers diapers reported profit was off one per cent at \$3.35 billion US. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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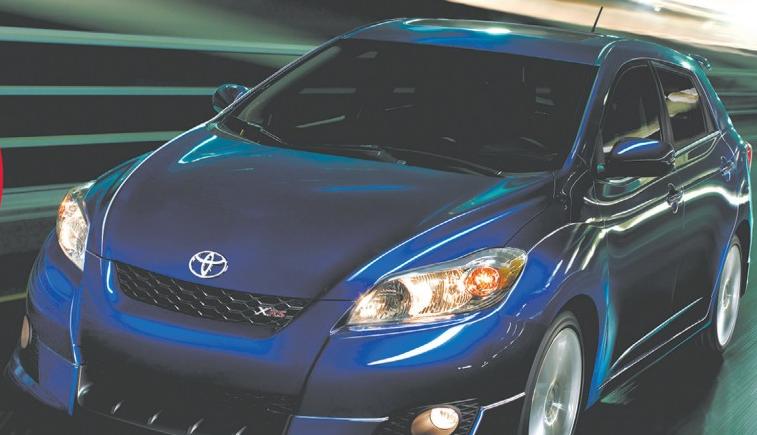
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The Saint Mary's Huskies' Atlantic University Sport men's hockey matchup with the New Brunswick Varsity Reds in Fredericton, N.B., on Saturday has been postponed. It was a precautionary move to prevent the spread of the flu. METRO HALIFAX

# Sports



## Delmas bests Wildcats

Bedford goaltender Peter Delmas kicked out 40 shots to lift the Quebec Remparts to a big 5-2 win over the host Moncton Wildcats in a clash of two of the QMJHL's top teams on Thursday. Delmas has a 2.80 goals-against average in 10 starts.

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## Herd lose 10th straight game

'This is the worst game I've seen us play,' say coach after loss to Montreal

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### So much for a golden slump-busting opportunity.

The Halifax Mooseheads' losing streak stretched to 10 games on Thursday night at the Metro Centre against an opponent that arrived in town ripe for the picking.

The Montreal Juniors, riding a six-game losing skid of their own and without star goalie Jake Allen, skated away with a comfortable 6-2 victory before a sparse crowd of 4,414.

Montreal scored 24 seconds in against the unusually lifeless Herd and three times in the second period to grab a 4-0 lead. Even the heroics of captain Tomas Knotek — who scored twice to narrow it to 4-2 — did little to ignite a spark.

"This is the worst game I've seen us play ... Really disappointing," said Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell. "You're dealing with kids, you're not going to get perfection, but we have to let these guys know it won't



Mooseheads defenceman Paul Dimitruk tumbles over Montreal Juniors blue-liner Alex Wall during the second period of Thursday night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. Dimitruk was called for a tripping penalty on the play. The Juniors beat the Mooseheads 6-2.

be accepted."

Russell wasn't just upset with his players. Some controversial officiating had him absolutely furious after

Matthew Brenton scored on a penalty shot with 6:07 to go and David Stich salted it away on a breakaway with 5:14 left.

Feeling the Brenton ruling was generous and Stich's goal came after a non-call, Russell slammed a player's stick over the

## Huskies appeal suspension of star running back Jones

The Saint Mary's Huskies are appealing a three-game suspension to Atlantic University Sport's top rusher.

The AUS suspended second-year running back Devon Jones yesterday for an incident that occurred in last Friday's 41-7 victory over the St. Francis Xavier X-Men. The physical con-

frontation in the fourth quarter resulted in X-Men defensive lineman Yahia Dalloul being knocked to the ground.

The decision would put Jones, an all-rookie selection last year, out of the



Devon Jones

lineup for Friday's regular-season finale against the Acadia Axemen at Huskies Stadium, as well as the Loney Bowl and the Uteck Bowl, if the Huskies go that far.

The guy's helmet came off, he got

blocked at that time, and I guess they're calling it a punch," Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah said last night. "It's an interesting situation, I'll put it that way. It's tough to make that call."

Jones, the son of former CFL great Milson Jones, leads the AUS with 490

yards and six majors in seven games.

"I don't remember anyone being suspended for three games," said Sumarah. "We won't go against what the league says but there's an appeal process and we're going to follow it."

MATTHEW WUEST  
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### Rainmen draft guards

**BASKETBALL** The Halifax Rainmen wanted a big man, but didn't want a man quite as big as DeAndre Thomas.

The Rainmen attended the Premier Basketball League draft in Chicago on Thursday hoping to land a backup centre, but left with a pair of guards, six-foot-eight Omar Weaver with the seventh pick and former Dalhousie Tiger Devon Norris of Tantallon at No. 17.

Owner Andre Levingston put his top prospect, six-foot-eight centre DeAndre Thomas, through fitness tests this week but altered his plan when Thomas checked in at 370 pounds.

"We were going to take DeAndre in the first round, but there was skepticism about his conditioning and his unwillingness to commit to conditioning," Levingston said.

Weaver, 28, is a veteran pro who played three seasons with the Maryland Nighthawks in the Premier Basketball League and American Basketball Association.

"I can go inside, outside, I can shoot, slash, post up and defend," Weaver said. "I can play every position but centre."

Norris wrapped up a four-year career at Dal in 2008, averaging 7.5 points per game. Levingston said he likes Norris' ability to "play defence" and "do the dirty work."

"It would be like a dream come true to play ball for a professional team in my hometown," Norris said.

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**Shogun speaks**

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# Canadian into final 16 at Cold Water Classic

**Canada's top-ranked surfer, Peter Devries, continues to prove his talent in the O'Neill Cold Water Classic surfing competition, but not without suspense.**

When the clock ran out Thursday afternoon, spectators were biting their nails, wondering if their hometown hero would make it to the next round.

Devries had already scored his way through three rounds and into the top 24 — farther than any of Canada's other 23 surfers. The only person standing in his way was Brian Toth from Puerto Rico.

With only a second left, Toth caught a wave — threatening Devries' second place standing and his chance to advance into the top 16.

As judges tallied the scores, contest announcer Dom Domic amped up the tension.

"Tofino do you believe," Domic's voice broke through the speakers.

Cheers erupted from the crowd.

"Do you?" he asked again.

The cheers and whistles roared even louder.

Moments later, a collective sigh of relief rippled through the crowd of about 100 who had gathered on the misty Tofino

beach on Vancouver Island's west coast. Devries had secured second place.

For the first time in his career, the Tofino native had advanced into the top 16 of a contest sponsored by the Association of Surfing Professionals.

"It was tricky, really tricky," said Devries of the conditions. "The tide and the swell looked like it was building, too."

Making matters tougher, he added, was that the me-

tre-tall sloppy waves were breaking on a sandbar farther out. Earlier in the day, they had been breaking closer to shore.

"I feel good," Devries said. "I mean, I'm glad this heat's over because I really don't like surfing Cox Bay when it's like that, breaking out the back and hard to find waves."

The competition continues through the rest of the week.

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## World Series J-Roll takes off



Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins runs to second on a hit-and-run with New York's A.J. Burnett pitching during Game 2 of the World Series on Thursday as the Yankees hosted the Phillies at Yankee Stadium. For a complete game recap, visit [metronews.ca/sports](http://metronews.ca/sports)

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# Olympic torch run worth embracing

**T**he Olympic flame lands in Canada Friday. The longest torch relay in history is underway.

It's time for the dissent to stop and for us to be gracious hosts.

Incredibly, there are a significant number of people in this enlightened nation who don't get it. They



complain about everything from the corporate

greed embodied by the Games to the fact that the torch relay was first conducted in 1936 in Berlin, the so-called "Nazi Olympics."

These doubters also claim that the Olympics will somehow bankrupt our affluent country and that, "... the average Joe is being screwed by corpora-

tions and the government so they can have a party."

What gives?

The critics are missing the point.

Yes, the Olympics have become corrupted over time and often resemble a commercial enterprise instead of the universal movement of peace and understanding they were

originally meant to be. But while it's true the Games have become, on occasion, an example of clubby excess, they do have a redeeming quality at their very foundation.

The Olympics are designed to celebrate the potential of youth and demonstrate the possibilities for harmony and co-existence. In short, they are an alternative to the strife and misunderstanding that pervades the planet most of the time.

Isn't that worth our allegiance — or at least an open mind as the torch relay in Canada begins?

One torchbearer and bank executive I talked to, who works for a competitor of the relay's title sponsor, summed up her moti-

vation behind carrying the flame.

"It's a symbol of the Games and the values they represent," she told me. "It's about having a meaningful goal, commitment to discipline, community and sportsmanship. These are all worthy values I would hope to impart to my children."

Now that's why we should all embrace the flame.

It's because the torch represents hope that there is some goodness to be found when it reaches its destination in the Olympic city.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

## Athens Olympic flame



Greek actress Maria Nafpliotou, who plays the role of high priestess, gives the Olympic torch to Greek Olympic Committee head Spyros Capralos Thursday in Athens. The flame was handed to John Furlong, CEO of VANOC, and now begins a 106-day relay through Canada to Vancouver.

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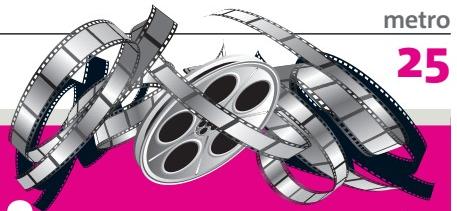
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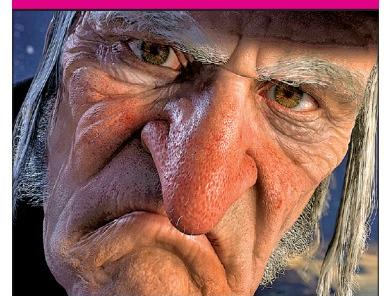
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Jeff Bridges stars in George Clooney's black comedy *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, a sharp look at U.S. paranormal military experiments begun during the Vietnam War. Bridges says all the LSD in the movie brought back '60s memories for him.

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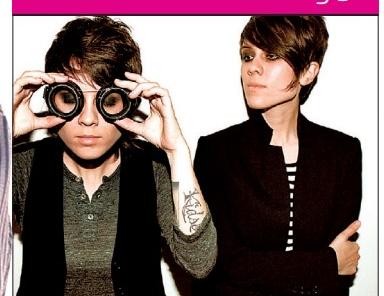
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Filmmaker says Jim Carrey 'amazing' in *Christmas Carol*.

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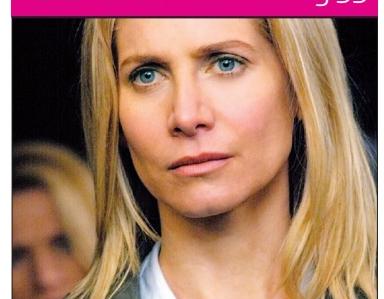
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# Gone with the Goats

Jeff Bridges channels '60s experience in black comedy

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### Movie feature

**Jeff Bridges is the kind of guy you'd like for a friend. He's affable and honest, and completely unspoiled by the Hollywood successes of his father Lloyd and his own considerable clout.**

In fact, he's really just a sensitive guy — still in love with his wife, Susie, after three decades of marriage.

"We've been married 33 years, and it just keeps getting better, more intimate, sexier, and you want to keep that going, you don't want to mess with that, you want to keep it constant," says the former teen heartthrob.

Bridges is currently starring in the black comedy *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, a sharp look at U.S.

paranormal military experiments begun during the Vietnam War — and which he says may still be in use.

Bridges' character formulates Project Jedi, a New Age soldiers' initiative, with the full blessing of the military.

"I got to talk to Lt. Colonel Jim Channon, the guy who my character is based on, who is still very much into this thing," says Bridges.

"If you go to his website, First Earth Battalion you can see what he's up to and it's basically it's the same stuff."

According to Channon's site "Project Jedi was ... undertaken by the US military in the late 1970s to create a super soldier that would possess superior



Jeff Bridges, left, plays a U.S. army colonel training soldiers to develop psychic powers. George Clooney plays his disciple.

strength, intelligence, cunning, intuition."

Bridges says he asked Channon if he felt the film made a mockery of his experiments and his life.

"He said 'No, I just want people to come to my website, people who are going to get it are going to get it. People who are going to

pooh-pooh it are going to pooh-pooh it, but the people who have a little bit of curiosity, and are really going to get it. That's what I'm looking for. Those are the people I'm trying to attract."

Copious amounts of LSD are used by the characters in the film, and Bridges

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including the former Sea Hunt star's time with John Lithgow.

"He was the one communicating with dolphins. He invented the isolation tank, and I was actually a subject for his testing, saw what the tank was like. I did a lot of time in the tank."



Fans of Michael Jackson seen prior to the screening of *This Is It* in Paris on Wednesday.

# Oscar hopes for MJ film

**"What we did here was focus on telling a good story and creating a film for the fans really enabling them to understand what Michael Jackson had dreamed for them."**

This Is It director Kenny Ortega

He added it was his hope "the audience for this film will grow and that as many people come to see it as possible because I think that it's a wonderful story about a brilliant man... Awards, Oscars, that's all great wishful thinking."

The film, which opened around the globe Tuesday and Wednesday has already earned rousing praise from fans and critics, who say it restores Jackson's reputation as a world-class entertainer.

Director Kenny Ortega, a longtime Jackson collaborator who was overseeing his London concert comeback, crafted the nearly two-hour film from more than 100 hours of footage recorded during rehearsals for the London shows, which were to have begun in July. Jackson died June 25 at age 50.

"What we did here was focus on telling a good story and creating a film for the fans really enabling them to understand what Michael Jackson had dreamed for them," Ortega said Wednesday.

puts on the Oscars. The movie could also be considered in other categories such as sound, she said.

Sony, which paid \$60 million for the global film rights, plans to keep *This Is It* in theatres for just over two weeks.

The studio did not respond to an email seeking comment about whether it planned to submit the film in any of the Oscar categories.

Ortega, a veteran director, producer and choreographer who counts TV's *High School Musical* among his credits, could find himself in contention for a best-director nod, Gaydos said.

"He did a masterful job putting this whole thing together," he said.

Ortega says an Oscar nod would be a fitting recognition of Jackson's last work.

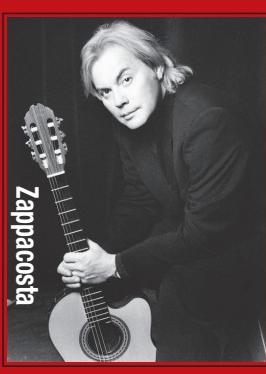
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# Capturing the magic of live music

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**A**s a general rule concert movies stink. Nothing can replace the experience of seeing a live band up-close-and-personal, the energy of the crowd or feeling the spray from flying fingers on a sweat-soaked fret board.

Often the only thing concert films have over a live show is the absence of a guy who looks like the Big Lebowski and smells like the inside of Cheech and Chong's bong sitting in the seat next to you.

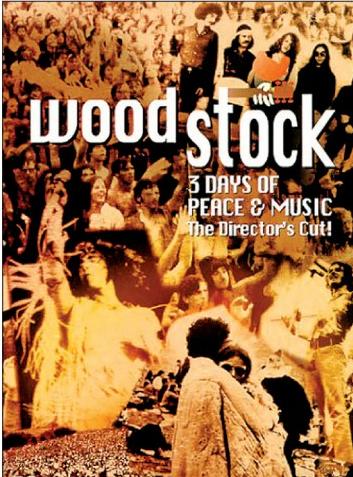
This week the world gets a look at the greatest concert that never was, Michael Jackson's re-

hearsals for his comeback tour. Is This It a great film? No, but like the best concert films it works because it captures a time and performance that will never be duplicated.

The best-known concert film, Woodstock, is also more than just a series of musical performances; it's the movie that defined the hippie era.

It's a vivid document of that wild weekend 40 years ago, so finely crafted it may be the next best thing to having been there. In fact, perhaps it's better than the real thing, what with the hippie audience's dubious affiliation to hygiene and the lack of port-a-potties on site.

Less known but just as electrifying is 1965's The T.A.M.I. Show. It's not as flashy as Woodstock — it was shot with TV cameras by a crew from The Steve Allen Show — but contains a show-stopping performance that Rick Rubin says "may be the single greatest



While Woodstock showed the fun side of the '60s, Gimme Shelter featured footage from a Rolling Stones concert where an audience member was stabbed to death by the Hells Angels.

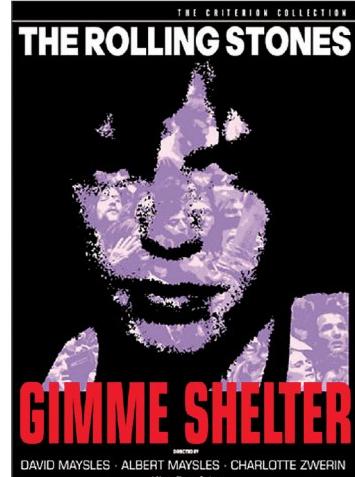
rock & roll performance ever captured on film."

Simply put James Brown rocks the house. Writer Nelson George described Brown's incredible "camel-walking, proto-moon-

walking" as an "athletically daring performance" and Prince is such a fan of the footage he has it playing on a loop on his office lobby television.

If Woodstock and

T.A.M.I. showed the fun, hip side of the 1960s, Gimme Shelter is the flip side. Shot during the last ten days of the Rolling Stones' 1969 North American tour and culminating



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with the stabbing death of audience member Meredith Hunter by the Hells Angels as the band plays Under My Thumb, it's a startling look at the end of the 1960s.

Also worth a look are Sweet Toronto, a 1970 doc featuring John Lennon and the Plastic Ono Band, Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars, David Bowie's July 3, 1973 "retirement" concert and Stop Making Sense, the Talking Heads live in Hollywood in 1983.

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Anne Heche, whose career over the last few years has been largely TV-based, is heading back onto the big screen with roles in two big upcoming comedies: *Cedar Rapids* and *The Other Guys*. [EMPIREONLINE.COM](http://EMPIREONLINE.COM)

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★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★ GOOD; ★ FAIR; ● POOR

# Carrey characters galore in Carol

STEVE GOW  
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**"(Jim Carrey) never stops so you come away with hours of all-wonderful, usable material."**

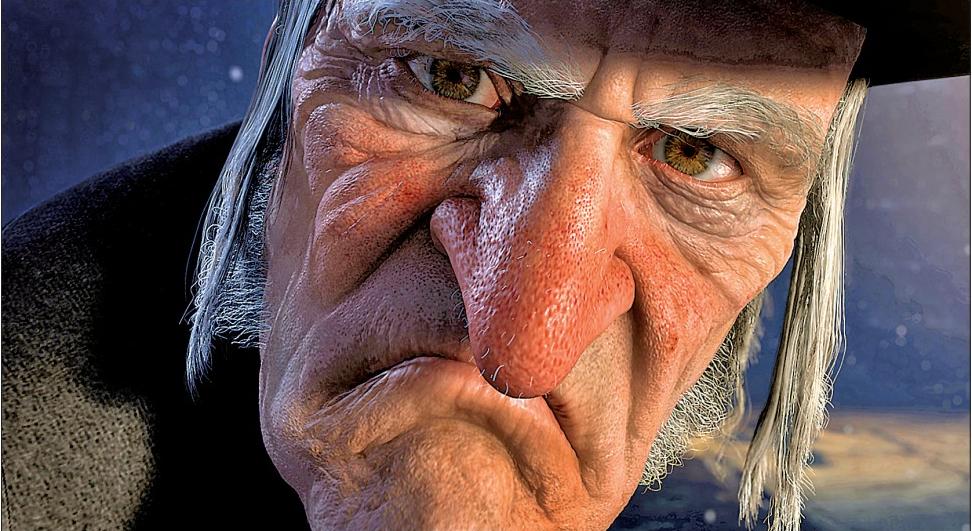
Robert Zemeckis

he should play Scrooge not just at different ages but also the ghosts because I figure when you've got an actor whose as versatile as that, why not?"

Besides, as the Oscar-winning director of *Forrest Gump* pointed out, versatility is of the utmost importance when creating as iconic a character as Ebenezer Scrooge.

"It's the whole game," explained Zemeckis. "The poetry of screenwriting is character and dialogue and the rest is just writing enough to trigger images in a director's mind but I think the foundation — the glue if you will — of any movie is found in character."

However, *A Christmas*



Jim Carrey plays Scrooge and other characters in *A Christmas Carol*.

Carol adds a technical twist too. There are no sets and no costumes. Utilizing the same motion-capture wizardry he crafted with 2004's

*The Polar Express*, Zemeckis instead strapped Carrey with sensors that recorded his slightest motions. From there, the actor's performance is re-animated in the fantastical world of Dickens' classic where Scrooge learns the lessons of his own discontent.

"The whole story is wonderful because it represents a very universal story of redemption," said Zemeckis.

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# Chanel decent biopic

## Coco Avant Chanel

**Director:** Anne Fontaine  
**Stars:** Audrey Tautou, Benoit Peуворде  
**Classification:** STC  
**Rating:** ★★★

PHIL BROWN  
for Metro Canada



Coco Avant Chanel is a prestige picture from France being trotted out for Oscar attention. The movie hits many of the Academy's sweet spots: It's a period piece, a biopic, and a movie about female independence.

Awards attention is inevitable but whether or not it is deserved is another matter.

Coco Avant Chanel is a decent telling of the early days of fashion icon Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel.

The film picks up with Coco in her 20s trying to become a singer in sleazy French nightclubs. Coco is determined not to fall into a life of servitude to a man, but sadly seems to have no alternative. She ends up living with an absurdly rich aristocrat and scoffs at his wasteful lifestyle.

She starts wearing more masculine clothing to the chagrin of upper-class Parisians, who soon start copying her style. Then she



Coco Avant Chanel, starring Audrey Tautou, chronicles the early days of the fashion icon.

falls in love with a handsome young Englishman who she can never have. In the end, she chooses independence purely because she can't be with the man she loves.

This seems like an awkward way to present a character that is supposed to be an early symbol of female independence. Coco decides to go out on her own

purely because her two attempts at finding a male companion failed.

This muddled message aside, the movie is gorgeously made. Director Anne Fontaine vividly recreates turn of the century France and gracefully spins her yarn through painterly cinematography.

Audrey Tautou excels as Coco.

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

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Andrea Roth stars in *The Collector*.

Marcus Dunstan's *The Collector* for getting in just under the (taut, serrated) wire.

And frankly, opportunism is the only thing that this direct-to-DVD quality film has going for it. Even more so than the Saw films, *The Collector* traffics in flayed flesh and viscera spilled in the dubious name of entertainment.

But in lieu of the platinidinous Jigsaw killer, Dunstan gives us nameless, masked brute whose

M.O. appears to be breaking into homes at random and subjecting the inhabitants to unspeakable (and atrociously filmed) acts of torture. Dunstan and his co-writer, Patrick Melton (who also has credits on several Saw films) have concocted a scenario that isn't necessarily un-clever: having spent the past few months casing a well-to-do household under the guise of doing home repairs, sad-eyed handyman/doting father Arkin (Josh Stewart)

returns under cover of nightfall for the (non-violent) extraction of a diamond from the family safe when he realizes that — cue the ominous music — he isn't alone in the house. It seems that the titular

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**ADAM NAYMAN**  
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**REVIEW** The relative commercial failure of *Saw VI* has some industry observers wondering if the torture-porn boom is finally at an end. If so, credit

killer has gotten there first, and outfitted the premises with a series of booby traps whose Rube Goldbergian ridiculousness is exacerbated by the fact that, with his victims safely trussed, he seems to have no use for them in the first place.

Unless, of course, *The Collector* was planning to be interrupted at random by a handsome cat burglar, in which case Dunstan and Pelton probably should have made a movie about an evil psychic.

## Music

## Vehicles to become rolling Wi-Fi hotspots

## SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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**N**ow that talking and texting on your cell while driving is a felonious act in Ontario as of this week, discussion has turned to the various things that distract drivers.

While I personally agree that hands-free is the way to go for mobiles and that no one in their right mind would text behind the wheel, you know what the Nanny State can be like. The natural inclination of regulators is to regulate.

Radios with dozens of presets accessible only through tiny little buttons can't be safe. Satellite radio? It all depends on the receiver. I'm surprised there hasn't been a ban on CD players given all the fumbling that can go on with the jewel case and trying to find the track you want. Six-pack CD changes are at least six times more dangerous. Newer models have multi-gigabyte hard drives capable of holding thousands of songs; try doing a song search at 100 km/h. I once drove an Audi

with an awesome dashboard satellite radio system and I spent more time looking at the gorgeous screen whilst flipping through channels than I did on the car in front me.

Don't get me wrong. I love all this convenient gadgetry. I just worry about The Other Guy. And it's about to get a whole lot worse. Welcome to Wi-Fi on wheels.

Chrysler was one of the first to offer the option of turning their vehicles into rolling Wi-Fi hotspots. Now GM is offering Wi-Fi for its full line of vehicles. A system made by Autonet Mobile creates a Wi-Fi cloud that extends up to 150 feet. That means not only will the kids in the back seat have access, but so will the guy two lanes over who will inevitable bob and weave so he can maintain his laptop connection. Best encrypt it fast.

Wi-Fi will also make it possible to literally surf for tens of thousands of online radio stations and music surfaces. Want to listen to that punk rock netcaster from France while driving on the Trans-Canada between Brandon and Regina? No problem. Your Pandora or Last.fm stream? Piece of cake.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at [ongoinghistory.com](http://ongoinghistory.com) and [exploremusic.com](http://exploremusic.com)



Sainthood is the fifth album from Tegan and Sara. It was released this week.

# Double the trouble

Tegan and Sara mourn loss of love on new album

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI  
for Metro Canada



It's likely every single musician has written a song, if not a whole album, about

love. So after five records it was about time Tegan and Sara delved into the time-honoured subject. But these tunes aren't coming from a happy place.

"After we finished the last record we realized we were right around the age when our parents got divorced," says Calgary-raised Tegan Quin. "We were five and they were 27 — both of us at 27 ended long relationships. It was very similar to our parents."

Most people would find their parents' divorce difficult to discuss, but Quin's surprisingly candid about that part of her life, and her own relationship troubles.

"It's almost like a death," she says of her break up. "There's also the disappointment in the idea of the societal implications around a failure of a relationship. When do you become a weird spinster?"

Some of these thoughts wind up on the duo's new disc of infectious power pop tunes, but most of the tracks deal with the pain of a dissolving relationship — lies, deception, questioning and despair. It's not very upbeat stuff. Still, Quin's optimistic about her chances for ever

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Tegan Quin

lasting love. "Anyone can stay in one relationship. With practice and time you can spend whole life with someone and be satisfied," she says. "Maybe it's less that there is the one or is this the one. We're wired and chemically driven to find that again and again."

Even when a relationship sours, though, Tegan has her twin sister to fall back on and vice versa. They seem to play up a sibling rivalry in the press, but you can't hole up in a New Orleans rehearsal space with someone and write music if you're not extremely fond of them.

"We just rented a space, just the two of us. We were literally in one room together for five days," Quin recalls. "It was good, but boring. It was like, your guitar sounds good, it's my turn."

Those songs didn't wind up on Sainthood, though Quin expects them to be released at some point down the road. It did

mark the first time, she says, that her and her sister wrote together. They kept that up when they started to lay down tracks for the new disc.

"We've always done variations of what some people consider writing," she explains. "But this record we actually sat down and wrote songs together. We also wrote music that we sent to each other over e-mail to finish."

Clearly, the sometimes-clashing sisters got a long well during Sainthood's writing process. But, like any couple they fought. The difference between them and the relationships they write about, though, is that Tegan and Sara always get back together.

"Two or three times a year we scream at each other hysterically," she says. "It feels safer when Sara and I are doing it though. No matter what happens one of us will have to come back."



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### Television

# Toss the frozen food

Simple recipes can change your life, explains TV chef Oliver

TINA CHADHA  
Metro World News

**Jamie Oliver wants you to put down the take-out menus and toss the frozen enchiladas. Tonight, you're cooking dinner.**

"Learning to cook just a few simple recipes can change your life," says the charming British chef/megabrand, who is so concerned with people's poor eating habits that he's started a full-on campaign against Big Macs.

"The sad truth is that if we survive on takeout food and ready meals, people are getting more unhealthy every year," says Oliver.

"Obesity. Diabetes. You name it. We are about to see the first generation of kids with shorter life spans than their parents, and it's sad."

In addition to an upcoming Canadian and U.S. TV series, his new cook-

book, Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution, is stocked with easy-to-follow, 20-minute recipes and gorgeous step-by-step photography that even the most novice of chefs can follow.

Check out his tips for the perfect omelet (below), but don't be discouraged if your first few attempts in the kitchen are disastrous.

"As you start cooking, you get more confident and it gets easier and more fun," assures

Oliver. "Start with something really basic like pancakes. I guarantee when you've cracked pancakes — which doesn't take long — you'll be wanting to do other stuff."

But isn't take-out cheaper and easier?

"I'm always amazed when people say they don't cook because they haven't got the time or haven't got the money," says Oliver.

"I did a live show a few years ago and every night,



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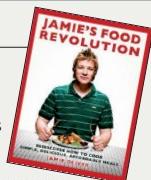
I would telephone the local pizza place and order pizza. I would then make pizza, on stage, from scratch — I made the dough from flour and water and a bit of yeast — and by the time the pizza delivery arrived, I'd already made mine and shared it with the audience.

"And mine was tastier

and the ingredients were cheaper. So it's simply about knowledge. That's all it is."

So what does he suggest for your pantry?

"I would say: extra virgin olive oil, dried pasta, Salt, pepper, and some tinned and frozen vegetables — there's nothing wrong with tinned tomatoes or frozen peas."



### Jaime Oliver's omelet recipe

British chef and author Jamie Oliver thinks we should all know how to whip up a thing or two. He gets us started with a perfect omelet. "Omelets are tasty and super-quick to knock together," he says. Here's his quick and easy recipe:

Ingredients:  
• 2-3 large eggs, preferably

free-range or organic  
• Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper  
• A pat of butter  
• A small handful of grated Cheddar cheese

#### Directions

• Crack the eggs into a mixing bowl with a pinch of salt and pepper. Beat well with a fork. Put a small frying pan on a

low heat and let it get hot. Add a pat of butter. When the butter has melted and is bubbling, add your eggs and move the pan around to spread them out evenly. When the omelet begins to cook and firm up, but still has a little raw egg on top, sprinkle over the cheese (I sometimes grate mine directly on to the omelet). Using a

spatula, ease around the edges of the omelet, then fold it over in half. When it starts to turn golden brown underneath, remove the pan from the heat and slide the omelet on to a plate. Serves one.

## Even celebs can get spooked sometimes

**PEOPLE** Snakes. Guns. Violence. Some scary stuff is universal, and even celebrities aren't immune. Here's a look at the secret

fears spooking Elijah Wood, Vivica A. Fox, Snoop Dogg and other stars this Halloween:

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**"I think it's like personal pursuits that scare me... You know, for an actor, I think I'm always scared by things that challenge me, things that are very different from things I've done before. Roles and experiences, working with people that I think are incredible, that sort of scares me."**

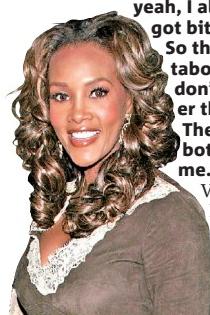
Elijah Wood, actor

**"What scares me personally is mob rule."**  
Michael Fassbender, Inglourious Basterds star

**"I don't know if this is something to be scared of but one thing I find shocking is really fast, random violence."**  
Rob Zombie, musician/director

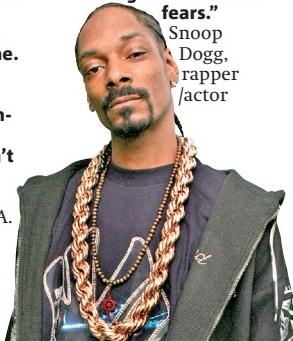
**"If the snakes come in the room, Vivica is jetting onto the other side of the room, for sure... Oh, when I was a little girl I almost got bit by one. My family is from West Point, Miss., so yeah, I almost got bit by one. So they're taboo. I don't bother them. They don't bother me."**

Vivica A. Fox, actor



**"When the media asks me crazy questions and I don't know how to answer them, that's what I fear. But that ain't never happened, so I guess I have no fears."**

Snoop Dogg, rapper/actor



**Scrubs goes to school**

ABC's revamped version of Scrubs, set in a medical school instead of a hospital, will launch on Dec. 1. Variety reports. Actors John C. McGinley and Donald Faison are returning, and star Zach Braff will appear in several episodes. [EW.COM](#)

# It's V for Visitors as sci-fi remake debuts

**AMBER RAY**  
Metro World News



**Humans don't seem to have any problem with space invaders. In fact, considering the success of District 9, we seem to love the idea of a bunch of aliens hovering over our major cities.**

That's exactly what the team behind V is banking on. Adapted from the popular sci-fi miniseries that

originally aired on NBC in 1983, the new V is a weekly series chronicling the arrival of aliens (a.k.a. Visitors).

It closely follows the plot of its predecessor: The Visitors first make contact by flying giant spacecraft over the world's metropolitan areas.

Their beautiful, poised leader, Anna (Morena Bac-

carin), relays their need to replenish their water supply, and in exchange they offer humans their advanced technology. And, of course, they "come in peace."

"We made sure that we honoured and respected the characters and the themes that (the original) envisioned, and introduced brand new characters and brand new

themes that would make sense in a post-9/11 world," says Scott Peters, creator of the update.

The themes of fear and paranoia play out differently in 2009, and tapping into those sentiments meant reflecting on the identity of the modern "enemy."

The original series, to me, felt very much like a military show — there was a very clear and present enemy," says executive

producer Jeffrey Bell. "And post-9/11 ... there is no other single threat. It's ter-

rorists, and it's the guy across the street or the woman next door.

"(In V) we have humans, and we have humans who are traitors, and we have Visitors who have a nefarious agenda, and we have Visitors who are heroes.

"And so not knowing who or what someone is (reflects) the paranoia that we all experience, living in a world where we wake up every day and everything is at an orange alert."

V premieres  
Tuesday  
night on CTV

## Expecting visitors



Elizabeth Mitchell, who plays an FBI agent trying to learn the Visitors' true motives, remembers watching the original miniseries with her parents when she was about 13. "I liked the escape of it," she says, adding she hopes families will also sit down to watch the new incarnation of V together. "It's something that kids don't do as much anymore."



For October 29<sup>th</sup>

Donnie Wahlberg - I Got It

Miley Cyrus - Party In The USA

Faber Drive - G-get Up And Dance

Belly Ft Snoop - Hot Girl

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Scott Wolf plays a TV journalist chosen by the Visitors to sit down for an exclusive interview with their leader in the V pilot. "Part of the fun of seeing how the character develops will be that relationship between his ambition and his journalistic integrity," Wolf says.

## Kenya's Style

**Kenya Hunt**

Read the blog at  
[metronews.ca/kenyasstyle](#)

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	49	49	49 COM	Just for Laughs	Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	South Park	South Park		
	18	18	18 CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Cooper 360			
	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Canada's Worst Driver	Man vs. Wild "Vietnam" (N)	Ancient World		
	34	48	HGTV	Extreme Makeover: Home	House	Property		House	Relocation, Relocation	House		
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	12	12	12 NBC	News	NBC News	Football Night in America	National Treasure ** (2004, Adventure)	Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger.				
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## Going Out

### Mix of Six

#### David Copperfield

When: Sunday and Monday, 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.  
Where: Halifax Metro Centre

Titled An Intimate Evening of Grand Illusion, the American-born Copperfield was described by Forbes in 2006 as the most commercially successful magician in history. He is bringing his award-winning illusionist to Halifax now for four shows, with tickets costing between \$54.25 and \$75.50.

#### Blondie

When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.  
Where: The Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia

Seventies punk band Blondie emerged as one of the great pop icons of New York's celebrated late '70s new wave punk. Throughout their career Blondie has been reputed for their great rock hooks, brilliant lyrics and the hippest clothes and coolest hair. Tickets are \$70.25 and are available at ticketatlantic.com.

#### Symphony Nova Scotia

When: Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Where: St. Andrew's United Church

The popular provincial symphony is performing the latest production from its Baroque Series featuring Tafelmusik's Jeanne Lamon and New Brunswick soprano Suzie LeBlanc. Tickets are between \$43 and \$49 each and are available at symphonynovascotia.com. Cost is \$7 per person.

#### Atlantic University Sport football

When: Friday, 7 p.m.  
Where: Huskies Stadium

It's the final home game of the regular season for the Saint Mary's Huskies as they host the Acadia Axemen. The game is a playoff tune-up for the Huskies, who have secured top spot in the four-team conference.

#### No Great Mischief

When: Friday through Nov. 15  
Where: Fountain Hall, Neptune Theatre

The third play of the Neptune season features the staging of Cape Breton author Alastair MacLeod's award-winning book that is being directed by Richard Rose and stars David McIlwraith as protagonist Alexander MacDonald and Duncan Fraser as Alexander's drunken brother Calum. For tickets, visit neptunetheatre.com or phone 429-7070.

#### Bluenose Ghosts Festival Haunted House

When: Through Saturday  
Where: Alderney Landing

If you're in need of a scare this Halloween, you'll want to check out the final two days of this event, which will be open nightly from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. It's dubbed as the biggest and scariest haunted attraction in HRM. Cost is \$7 per person.

#### Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

##### 1 New Moon OST

**ALBUM** The Twilight franchise is finally showing some teeth, thanks to a dose of indie blood. The soundtrack features big names like Death Cab For Cutie and Thom Yorke, and more obscure ones such as Lykke Li. It's all brooding, heartbreak stuff and may well bring many vampire-resistant young ones to the New Moon pack. Standout tracks: A White Demon Love Song (The Killers) and Slow Life (Grizzly Bear).



##### 2 The Men Who Stare At Goats

**FILM** Yes, George Clooney is one of the guys who can kill goats by just staring at them. In the tradition of Dr. Strangelove, the film is a send-up of all things war and military — in this case, the absurdity arises from a secret army operation where psychic soldiers are trained to become "Warrior Monks." Also starring Jeff Bridges, Ewan McGregor and Kevin Spacey.

##### 3 A History of Ghosts: Peter H. Aykroyd with Angela Nahr

**BOOK** Now we know where Ghostbusters came from. Comedian Dan Aykroyd's dad digs deep into his family history to come up with tales of séances, mediums and ghost hunters, stories that had been an inspiration for the '80s blockbuster. A perfect read for the Halloween weekend.



## TV offers Spooky specials

#### There are plenty of chills and cheese on TV leading up to Halloween on Saturday with specially-themed episodes and macabre movie marathons.

Adults looking for laughs can tune into SNL Presents the Best of Halloween's Past on Global on Saturday.

Series television gets into the swing of things as well, with CTV's Ghost Whisperer and Medium both referencing horror film classics on Friday episodes. The

mythical headless horseman from The Legend of Sleepy Hollow haunts Melinda on Ghost Whisperer while Medium's Allison has vivid nightmares that insert her into scenes from Night of the Living Dead.

Tonight, the spookfest includes CTV's The Mentalist, with a ghost and haunted mansion at the heart of a murder investigation, while Ann on CityTV's Parks and Recreation strug-

gles to pull together a Halloween party. Movies on tap include CTV's high-definition broadcast of The Rocky Horror Picture Show; the campy classic has been digitally remastered just in time for Halloween on Saturday. The outrageous 1975 musical begins as a young couple, Brad (Barry Bostwick) and Janet (Susan Sarandon) are stranded at the home of the mad scientist Dr. Frank-N-Furter (Tim Curry).

The kitschy fun is followed on CTV by The Mothman Prophecies, in which Richard Gere plays a journalist distraught by the sudden, tragic death of his wife. Space will have the 2003 remake of Texas Chainsaw Massacre, with Jessica Biel starring as one of several friends hunted down by a deformed killer with a chainsaw. Showcase is also offering up the first two films in the torture-packed Saw series. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Underage and undead: Are some costumes too gory for kids?

**DRESSING UP** Halloween has morphed into a gore fest that has kids as young as six unleashing their inner monsters in ultra-violent costumes — blood-smeared chain saws and spiked killing gloves sold separately. Options include Leather-

face from Texas Chainsaw Massacre, Jason (Friday the 13th), Freddy (A Nightmare on Elm Street) and Michael (Halloween). Costume sizes can run so small that many wearers might be too young to have seen the slasher movies under film

industry guidelines.

Not all parents think it's OK for the holiday second only to Christmas in the minds of many kids to be more a celebration of the most deranged characters pop culture has to offer.

"Bloody, sadistic, nightmare-inducing Halloween costumes are indeed being made and marketed for kids, and no one seems to care," said Joel Schwartzberg, a parenting writer and Montclair, N.J., dad

of a 10-year-old boy and twin seven-year-old girls. Schwartzberg is fighting back at too scarycostumes.com, which he hopes will raise awareness about how Halloween has strayed from "sickly sweet to just plain sick."

No puritan, he said he loves a good horror flick and has even written some

himself, but what's the point of all the realistic gore — for the very young, anyway?

"I think wearing these costumes and being exposed to human depravity, even in a 'fun' context, doesn't scar kids so much as desensitize them to brutal violence,"

Schwartzberg said. "Kids are less able to distinguish between real world and fictional brutality than grown-ups."

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From left, the Michael Myers for Kids, Boys Axe Murderer and Leatherface costumes from Zoogster Costumes.



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## Entertainment

## No school, no trust fund, Slumdog child stars told

**The two child stars of Slumdog Millionaire are at risk of losing their monthly stipend and their trust fund if they don't start attending school, a trustee for the fund said Thursday.**

Azharuddin Mohammed Ismail, 11, is only showing up at school 37 per cent of the time and Rubina Ali, 9, has only a 27 per cent attendance rate, the trustee said.

"It's pathetic," said Noshir Dadrawala, who helps administer the Jai Ho trust established by the filmmakers to provide an education, living allowance and housing for the young stars, who grew

up in Mumbai's real-life slums.

Dadrawala blamed the children's busy schedule for their chronic truancy.

"They are constantly going to Paris and Cochin and Chennai," he said. "That's fine, but go over the weekend, not at the sacrifice of school."

He said the trust decided that if the children do not get their attendance above 70 per cent they will lose their monthly stipend of about \$120. If they fail to graduate, they will forfeit a lump sum payment set aside by the filmmakers to help the children, who grew up in one of Mumbai's more wretched

slums, get a start in life.

The filmmakers have declined to reveal the amount in the trust for fear of exposing the families to exploitation.

Azhar's mother, Shameen Ismail, said her son had been truant over the past two months because he was inconsolable after his father died in September from tuberculosis.

"He would cry often, so I kept him home from school for a while," she said. She promised his attendance would improve.

"As long as I'm alive, I will make sure my son gets an education," she said.

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**The two child stars of Slumdog Millionaire, directed by Danny Boyle, left, with Rubina Ali, centre, are at risk of losing their monthly stipend and their trust fund if they don't start attending school.**

## Wayne Newton hints he's on next train out of Sin City

**LAST SHOW** Wayne Newton is telling fans "Danke schoen" after 50 years in Las Vegas and hinting that his latest run could be his last. But the singer synonymous with Sin City says he's leaving himself an opening in case he wants to perform after April.

The man known throughout the world as "Mr. Las Vegas" says retirement is possible, but that decision won't hinge on the success of his new show that opened Wednesday night at the Tropicana Las Vegas hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Instead, he says, it depends on whether his itch to keep working conflicts with his desire to spend

more time with his 7-year-old daughter.

"I'm enjoying my second daughter in a way that I didn't get a chance to do the first time around," Newton, 67, said. "The decision that I make, whether or not to perform or retire, will pretty much be based on that."

Newton brought his second-grader home Wednesday night before heading to the Tropicana for the opening night of his latest show, "Once Before I Go."

The show, which Newton says took two months to write, is presented as a live memoir of Newton's life and his career, with never-before-shared insights from Newton about personal episodes along the way.

"It's challenging to keep it entertaining," Newton said. "And that was my first prerequisite."

Wednesday night, Newton told stories about Dean Martin failing to rehearse for a TV duet, Elvin Presley writing a note that inspired the lyrics for The Letter and Bobby Darin fighting a publisher to let Newton record his signature tune Danke Schoen.

Newton told the crowd that it was tough for him to pick highlight songs from a career that includes 165 records.

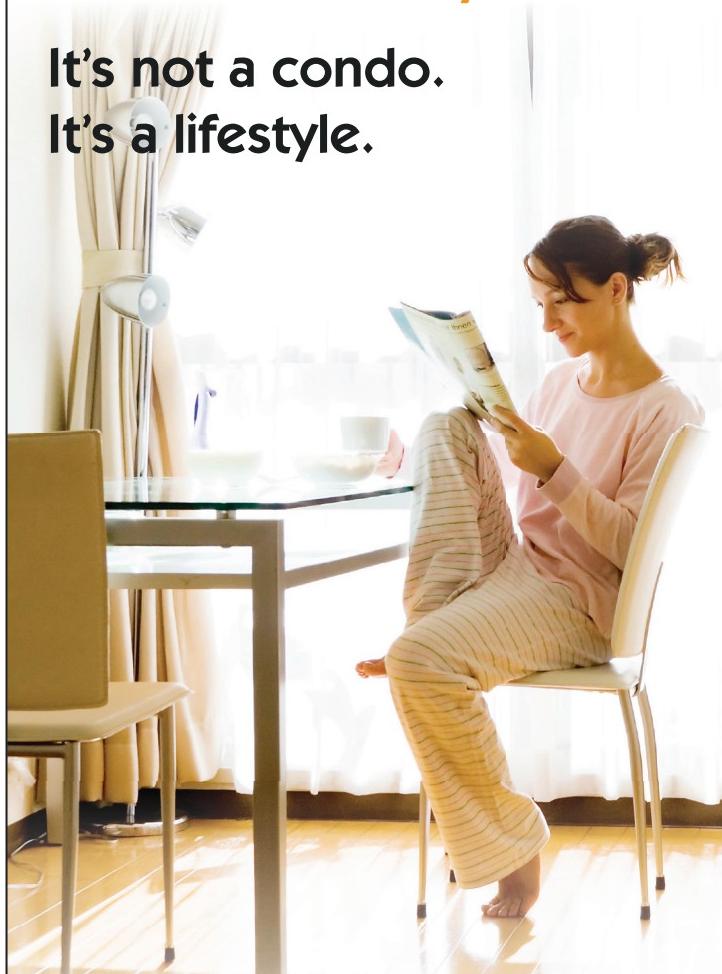
"It would be impossible for me to pick songs from all of them even if I remembered them, which I don't."

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Tyra Banks is dressing up as Kim Kardashian for Halloween. On her show Friday, she shows off a costume of the E! reality star. In a clip, Banks stands alongside cardboard cut-outs of Kim's sisters, Kourtney and Khloe. [USMAGAZINE.COM](#)

## Entertainment

# Joseph Fiennes has a vision of the future

The star of *FlashForward* loves his new job, calling television 'the new cinema'

**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News

**After years in the theatre and on movie screens, British actor Joseph Fiennes was hesitant in making the move to TV.**

Luckily for audiences, he got over it, as Fiennes now headlines the breakout hit *FlashForward*, starring as an obsessed FBI agent investigating what made the entire world black out for two minutes and glimpse visions of the future. Fiennes spoke to Metro at ABC Studios in Burbank, Calif.

**What made you want to take on this project?**

**A** The money. (Laughs) No, it was a great script. I loved the fact that it was very structured ... and now we can forget that and have fun and enjoy either the clues or just the great character interactions.

**Q** What made you decide to make the jump to television?

**A** It's not so much of a change for me. There's more production value on this set than there is on any independent movie I've made at home. And I think, really, there's less of a wall and a snobbery between these two mediums. I think



Joseph Fiennes plays an FBI agent in ABC's *FlashForward*.

TV is the new cinema. The "small screen" is the iPhone now ... You get great sound quality at home. People's screens are getting bigger and bigger.

**Q** How has it been transitioning to life in Los Angeles?

**A** I love L.A., but I never felt the need to go to L.A. and make it. We're very lucky in London... Now I've relocated, but I do miss my friends and family at home. There's no two ways. It's tough being away.

**Q** How do you feel when *FlashForward* is called the new *Lost*?

**A** Lost paved the way for this kind of project to happen. But it's completely different. We're not on an island. It's not a mythology. It's very straightforward. It's a global event.

**Q** Do you appreciate the global aspect of the show?

**A** I love the idea that it reaches out to all these different countries ... I love in Episode 3 that in the first five minutes, it's all in German. It puts you there.

**Q** How did you prepare for the show, physically?

**A** We did Krav Maga, which is really hardcore street fighting. You can do anything you want. It's elbows, head, knees ... And on top of that, we worked with these FBI guys with assembling guns ... how you enter a building, all that stuff. It gives the actor a confidence in his character.

**Q** With the show becoming so popular, have you been recognized more often?

**A** One or two people say, "Hey, I had a vision." And you're like, yeah, all right. It's always nice when you know there's someone watching.

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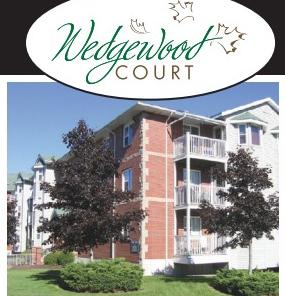
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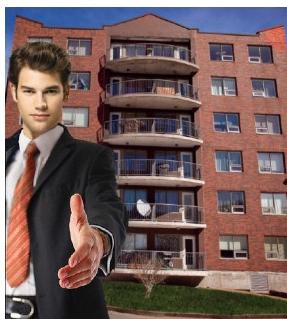
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**Well, that makes two of them...**Ray J has hinted he could rekindle his romance with Whitney Houston, explaining the pair "understand each other." The stars shocked showbiz in 2007 when it was revealed they were secretly dating. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

# Reunited and it feels so groovy

## Five years after their breakup, Phish returns

**Phish and crew bustle about Shoreline Amphitheater's backstage area, a sprawling patio where memories linger of raging parties from bygone tours.**

Hours before a recent show, the scene is markedly different. Voices and footfalls carry across the expanse of empty picnic tables. A baby stroller clatters across wooden planks.

As afternoon slants into evening, a ruckus finally kicks up: The clip-clop of a Ping-Pong game between Trey Anastasio and his teenage daughter.

"Fifteen-love," says the Phish guitarist.

To understand why the

touring jamband juggernaut broke up for nearly four years — only to resurface with a stunning depth of clarity in live performance, its strongest album yet and an ambitious festival slated for this weekend — measure this family centred serenity against the travelling party they left behind.

"We used to have a lot of people hanging around, and it was a crazy scene backstage — CRAZY," Anastasio says later.

"I remember being here, a number of times, and you couldn't get through. There were literally hundreds of people, all the time. Everywhere."

The scene was a symptom of a lifestyle the members of Phish knew they couldn't sustain. So, after 20 years on the road together, they staged a farewell blowout in Coven-try, Vt., in 2004.

It began with a freakish downpour and ended with the emotionally shattered band struggling to say goodbye. More than four years after the split, Phish roared back to life in March with an electrifying three-night reunion stint in Hampton, Va., followed up with a summer tour full of bootleg-worthy shows.

Their new album, Joy, released last month, was critically lauded for its musical and lyrical maturity and refreshed, live-show inspired sound.

And today, Phish completes its comeback victory lap with the kickoff of Festival 8, a three-night marathon of sets in Indio, Calif. A fall tour will follow.

"It's just a very nice vibe," says bassist Mike Gordon. "I had no idea whether removing the party element would make it sterile or something — but the opposite happened,



Phish frontman Trey Anastasio (left) performs at the Coachella music festival as a band member looks on in this 2004 file photo.

where it feels like we have extra consciousness left over to jam harder. It feels like a great era — it's the beginning of the rest, like we're in it for the long haul again."

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## Celebrity Buzz

### No wedding bells for Mary-Kate: Rep

**RUMOUR SNUFFED** It makes for a nice movie scene — boyfriend pops question over romantic dinner in Paris while ring lies buried in a box of chocolates — but don't be fooled by a supermarket tabloid story that wedding bells will soon ring for Mary-Kate Olsen, people.com reports.

Olsen, who has been dating Nate Lowman since 2008 after they met through mutual friends, is neither engaged nor preparing a prenuptial agreement,

despite published reports. "Even though this information continues to be reported as 'fact,' the stories regarding Mary-Kate being engaged are not in any way accurate," Olsen's rep says.

The actress-design mogul, 23, and her beau have been a fixture on the New York nightlife scene and most recently at Paris Fashion Week together.

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### Gosselin shows regret

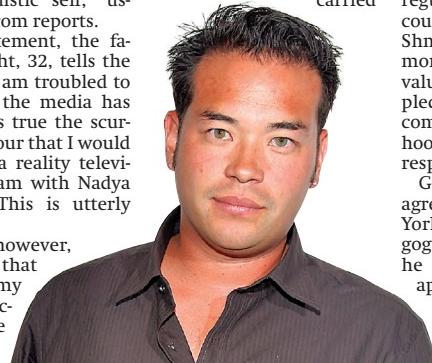
**SALVATION** Embattled reality star Jon Gosselin admits he got "carried away by the challenges of fame" and is consulting with a rabbi to "reconnect with my deeper, more spiritual, more altruistic self," usmagazine.com reports.

In a statement, the father of eight, 32, tells the website, "I am troubled to learn that the media has accepted as true the scurrilous rumour that I would appear in a reality television program with Nadya Suleman. This is utterly false."

"I do, however, accept that some of my previous actions have in some

way lent credence to such outrageous stories.

"I further accept that I have allowed myself to become somewhat severed from my own moral anchor and be carried



away by the challenges of fame.

"It is for this reason that I have endeavored of late to reconnect with my deeper, more spiritual, more altruistic self with regular study sessions and counseling with Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, whose morality-centered-and-values-based advice, coupled with his profound commitment to fatherhood and family, I deeply respect."

Gosselin says he has agreed to a forum at New York's West Side Synagogue this Sunday where he intends to publicly apologize in a sacred space to those whom he has hurt.

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### Two Taylors still mum on hookup

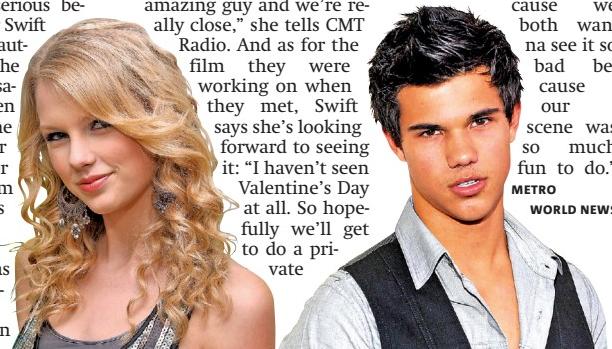
**SEXY SECRETS** Things seem to be getting serious between Taylor Swift and Taylor Lautner. The singing sensation even brought the Twilight star to dinner with her mom earlier this week. But Swift is playing coy as to their official status.

"Are we an

item? I don't know. He's an amazing guy and we're really close," she tells CMT Radio. And as for the film they were working on when they met, Swift says she's looking forward to seeing it: "I haven't seen Valentine's Day at all. So hopefully we'll get to do a private

screening because we both wanna see it so bad because our scene was so much fun to do."

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### Kate and Alex love sex

**HOW ORIGINAL** When he's not playing in the World Series, Alex Rodriguez has another favourite activity — and it involves girlfriend Kate Hudson.

"They love sex," a source tells Us Weekly. "They talk about it all day. Kate gets graphic talking

about his body, even to her parents."

Meanwhile, Rodriguez's friends insist the relationship is changing the Yankees slugger for the better. "He's less of a jerk," a pal jokes. "He's also more free-spirited."

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### Celebrity tweets

Samantha Ronson's fans worry her, Pink could use a towel, Kim Kardashian knows what she likes, and Sarah Brown is late for a very important date.

- @samantharonson what i learned today: i apparently have a lot of serial killers following me ;)
- @Pink I just spilled an entire bowl of piping hot tomato soup all over myself.

- @KimKardashian Do u guys know of any other Forensic murder crime scene shows? I love them

- @SarahBrown10 have left it very late and now rushing to get ready for big state dinner — thankfully have a beautiful dress to put on so it can wear me!



### Trump's know how to party

**MARRIAGE** The celebrating isn't over yet for newlyweds Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, who tied the knot on Sunday. A post-wedding reception hosted by the groom's parents — Seryl and Charles Kushner, a New Jersey real-estate developer — was held Wednesday night at the historic Puck Building in New York City, people.com reports.

"It was really beautiful in there," the bride's brother, Eric Trump, 25, told People. "(They are) a very beautiful couple."

Guests referred to the party as Sheva Brachot, which is a special Jewish wedding blessing usually accompanied by a meal.



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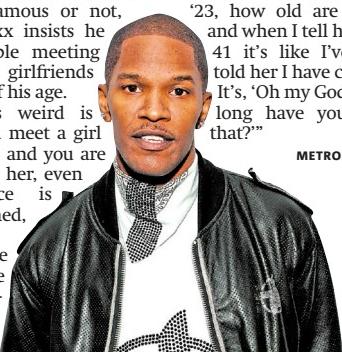
### Foxx too old for the ladies?

**DATE SOMEONE YOUR OWN DECADE** Famous or not, Jamie Foxx insists he has trouble meeting potential girlfriends because of his age.

"What's weird is when you meet a girl who is 23 and you are talking to her, even her voice is high-pitched, she's young," he tells the Daily Express. "You ask

her how old she is, she says, '23, how old are you?' and when I tell her I'm 41 it's like I've just told her I have cancer. It's, 'Oh my God, how long have you had that?'

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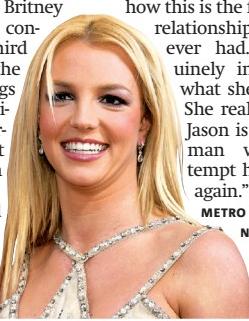
### Third time's a charm for Brit

**GETTING SERIOUS** Britney Spears may be considering a third walk down the aisle, as things are getting serious with her former agent boyfriend, Jason Trawick.

"Britney and Jason have really hit it off," a source tells Us Weekly. "Britney is saying

how this is the first 'proper' relationship she has ever had. He's genuinely interested in what she has to say. She really feels like Jason is the kind of man who might tempt her to marry again."

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### Miley the worst

**BACKLASH** Miley Cyrus' dabbling in risqué behavior may be catching up with her. With a whopping 42 per cent of the vote, fans at AOL's teen site, Just So You Know, picked Cyrus as the worst celebrity influence of 2009. METRO WORLD NEWS



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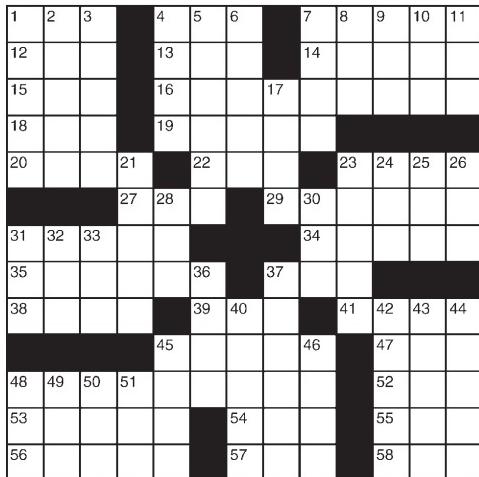
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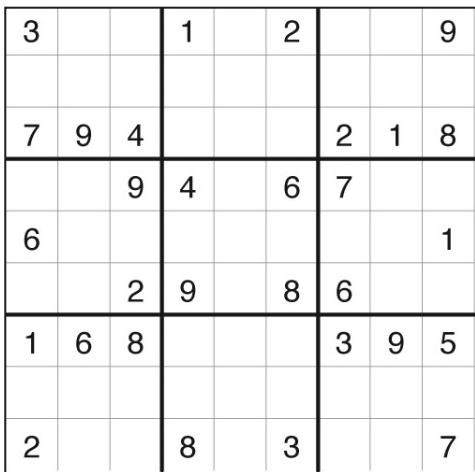


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4 Harvest goddess  
7 One of Franklin's certainties  
12 Inseparable  
13 Tear  
14 Pond buildup  
15 Felonious flight  
16 Keeps changing one's mind  
18 Shrill bark  
19 Nimble  
20 Front of a ship  
22 Matterhorn, for one  
23 Spill the beans  
27 Rowing need  
29 Private gesture?  
31 Extra benefit  
34 Orion's brightest star  
35 Put through the blender, maybe  
37 Morsel  
38 Prayer ending  
39 — Khan  
41 Region

**DOWN**

- 45 Concerning  
47 Buddy  
48 Pancakes  
52 "Hail!"  
53 Blood line?  
54 Mauna —  
55 Journey segment  
56 Oil of roses  
57 Bobby of hockey lore  
58 Crafty  
1 Coral producer  
2 Where the elated walk  
3 Beat  
4 Composer Carl  
5 Post  
6 Sales pitch  
7 Loony  
8 Right angle  
9 Past  
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11 Father and son  
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21 Made on a loom  
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MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You tend to rush into situations without thought for the consequences, but over the next few days you'll be a lot more cautious.

**TAURUS**

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Let down your hair and have fun today. You have been too caught up in your everyday schedule, and other people's problems.

**SCORPIO**

OCT 24-NOV 22



Someone is trying to lull you into a false sense of security so they can profit from your mistakes, so be on your guard.

**GEMINI**

MAY 22-JUNE 21



As Saturn moves away from the domestic area of your chart you will find it easier to get along with others.

**SAGITTARIUS**

NOV 23-DEC 21



You won't lack for confidence today but watch out you don't overdo it and scare away someone who has a lot to offer.

**CANCER**

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Speak your mind by all means but don't go to extremes and if you must be controversial at least wait until next Monday's full moon has come and gone.

**CAPRICORN**

DEC 22-JAN 20



As Saturn, planet of limitation, enters the career area of your chart it is likely that people of authority will make things tough for you.

**LEO**

JULY 23-AUG 23



Others will lose out over the next few days while you gain in power and prestige. Leos are ambitious.

**AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18



Throw caution to the wind and do something that will get you noticed. Relationships of all kinds will go well today and with Mars motivating you.

**VIRGO**

AUG 24-SEPT 22



You are as entitled to have fun as anyone else and from the look of your chart you will be having as much fun as everyone else put together.

**PISCES**

FEB 19-MARCH 20



Too often in the past you have changed your plans to make others happy, but now others will have to adapt to fit in with your needs and desires.

**This day in history**

1905: Czar Nicholas II of Russia grants Russia's first constitution, creating a legislative assembly.

1918: The Ottoman Empire signs an armistice with the Allies, ending the First World War in the Middle East.

1938: Orson Welles broadcasts his radio play of H. G. Wells' The War of the Worlds, causing anxiety in some of the audience in the United States.

1961: Because of "violations of Lenin's precepts", it is decreed that Joseph Stalin's body be removed from its place of honour inside Lenin's tomb and buried near the Kremlin wall with a plain granite marker instead.

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